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Manitoba Jockey Club CEO Darren Dunn speaks to media Thursday following a press conference that saw the club and Peguis First Nation announce plans to build hotels, retail space and a convention centre at the Assiniboia Downs. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

# Jockey Club given betting licence, secures land for Assiniboia Downs

**Peguis partnership formalized.** \$100M development includes 2 hotels, retail space and conference centre

The Manitoba Jockey Club says it has been granted an interim simulcast betting licence.

The Manitoba Horse Racing Commission had said the club's permanent licence was at risk over concerns that a mortgage with the Peguis First Nation could result in an ownership change.

The jockey club has also formalized its partnership with the Peguis in a new development at Assiniboia

Downs racetrack.

Peguis Chief Glen Hudson says a treaty land entitlement claim opened the door for the \$100-million development.

He says future plans for Assiniboia Downs could include some First Nations gaming.

But Manitoba Finance Minister Jennifer Howard says the government would not approve a casino in the Winnipeg area, mostly because gaming revenue has dropped.

Howard says she supports any plan to keep horse racing in the province, but it would have to do without gaming revenue.

The government has already said it intends to cut

\$5 million in video lottery terminal revenue from the jockey club.

The land development near Assiniboia calls for two hotels with 250 rooms total, some retail space and a conference centre. Everything would be connected to the grandstand by a pedestrian walkway.

The jockey club says the partnership with the Peguis will help secure the racetrack's financial sustainability and growth of the racetrack in the future.

The club had filed a civil lawsuit against the government over its handling of Assiniboia Downs, but a judge dismissed the claim last month.

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# Orlikow mulls mayoral run

**City hall.** Councillor believes Winnipeg is headed in an unsustainable direction

Another city councillor has added his name to the growing list of potential mayoral candidates next year.

Coun. John Orlikow said should he run, he plans to appeal to all voters, no matter their political leanings.

Orlikow said his voting record shows what he stands for, and while he's a centre-left Liberal, he's also fiscally conservative and worries about the city's debt ceiling.

"Everything is going up and we're incurring a massive amount of debt. My kids are going to be here — I want to create that place where my kids would stay," he said.

"But we can't just be borrowing for today from tomorrow and that's the solution that we're getting. They're not sustainable solutions."

Orlikow has been a vocal critic of Mayor Sam Katz's leadership, the way the powerful executive policy committee is structured, and the poor



Coun. John Orlikow addresses his council colleagues at the Dec. 17 special meeting on the 2014 operating and capital budgets. Orlikow is contemplating running for mayor next year. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

management of big projects such as the fire halls and the Winnipeg police headquarters.

Orlikow said he would create a standing policy committee on capital projects, make

the EPC more transparent, and share more information with council and the public.

## Names to watch

The only officially declared candidate is Gord Steeves, the former councillor for St. Vital. Among those mulling a run are the incumbent, current councillors Paula Havixbeck and Scott Fielding, former MP Judy Wasylycia-Leis, and privacy lawyer Brian Bowman.

"That's what Winnipeggers want. They don't always agree, they just want it to be fair," he said.

During Tuesday's special budget meeting, Katz took aim at Orlikow's time as a school trustee and the tax increases the Winnipeg School Division implemented.

Orlikow said he didn't believe Katz's numbers "were accurate."

"Everything he seems to say is a half-truth to me, which means it's not the truth," he said, adding that at city hall these days "it's either the province's fault or somebody else's fault."

"Leadership requires taking responsibility."

BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

## Fake Canada Goose jacket a lame duck



A container of duck feathers used as filling is seen with a counterfeit grey Canada Goose Jacket. METRO

People in Winnipeg are known for their bargain-hunting skills, but when it comes to counterfeit goods, the savings aren't always worth it — especially with Canada Goose jackets.

Last January a counterfeit Canada Goose jacket was seized by the Canada Border Services Agency. RCMP Cpl. John Montgomery said while this kind of shipment isn't abnormal, they decided to carry out an investigation, partnering with the

Assiniboine Park Zoo to figure out what was actually inside the jacket.

Zoo research head Dr. Stephen Peterson explained how they took feathers and fur from the counterfeit jacket, amplified a small stretch of DNA, and then entered them into one of the zoo's enormous species databases.

"The fur actually matched

to a raccoon dog, which is a species from Asia, and then the duck feathers that were in the jacket actually typed to a species of duck you would expect from Asia," said Peterson who had never heard of the raccoon dog before.

Kevin Spreekmeester, senior vice-president of global marketing for Canada Goose, said for the company the "counterfeit issue is less about economics

than it is about protecting our brand and protecting our consumers."

Peterson added: "I wouldn't be caught outside today in something like that. It would be quite chilly."

Montgomery said RCMP see five to seven counterfeit Canada Goose jackets shipped from China to Winnipeg per year as well as many other products.

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# Winnipeg's first Funnelator lights up library

## CentreVenture.

Prototype first to pop up as plan for downtown's sports, hospitality and entertainment district

Yes, there's a giant metal funnel in front of the Millennium Library, and no, it's not just there for looks. In fact, it even has a name: The Funnelator.

The futuristic Funnelator is the prototype and the first of (hopefully) many to pop up as part of CentreVenture's plan for downtown's sports, hospitality and entertainment district (SHED).

"We've only had it working 100 per cent since last Friday," said Tom Janzen, the development manager at CentreVenture. "Certainly the cold was a challenge in the installation."

"This one was designed and built to be the first one, to see how it works, and to test the capabilities of the LED screen. Until we run this one for awhile we're not going to be building dozens of them in the immediate future."

### Quoted

**"It certainly stands out visually and physically; it's a pretty impressive piece. It's exceeded all our expectations."**

Tom Janzen, Development Manager at CentreVenture



Futuristic Funnelator lights up the corner of Donald and Graham. CLARA BUELOW/METRO

When Funnelators were introduced as part of a streetscape program for the SHED district, there were many ideas about their potential uses. Janzen said CentreVenture is now working with the University of Winnipeg's Cisco Innovation Centre for Collaboration Technologies to develop lighting, sound and maybe an interactive app.

While waiting for the bus on the corner of Graham Avenue and Donald Street, Lela

Helfrich said she hopes to see weather reports and the news flash across the Funnelator's LED screen.

"It looks like Winnipeg is getting bigger. Looks like something you would see in Toronto or Vancouver," said Helfrich.

In the spring, CentreVenture plans on doing a formal evaluation of the Funnelator and scoping out other appropriate areas where new ones will be installed.

CLARA BUELOW/METRO

# 'Peg crossing guard named one of Canada's favourites

George Drad has helped tens of thousands of kids get to school safely, and on Thursday those efforts earned the Beaumont School crossing guard national recognition.

Drad, who's been working the corner at Hunterpoint Road and Roblin Boulevard before and after class for 15 years, is one of just four guards from across the country named Canada's favourite crossing guard.

"This is really incredible," said Drad after picking up the award at a special assembly held at the school Thursday morning. "I never expected anything like this would ever happen."

Sadly Drad lost his own son, Gregory, to a traffic accident when he was just 11 years old. While the loss of his son plays a part in why the retiree decided to become a crossing guard after his retirement, he told Metro he has other reasons for taking the job too.

"It's part of it, but it's not the whole thing," said Drad, who mans the corner from November to March every



Longtime Beaumont School crossing guard George Drad and his grandson, Cole, 12, look at the Canada's Favourite Crossing Guard award he received for his 15 years of service Thursday. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

year. "I'm a very active person and I cycle all summer long ... in the winter time there's not much to do because I can't cycle."

"This forces me to get out of the house every morning to get out to the crosswalk."

Principal Doug Jonasson points to Drad's uncanny ability to remember children's names — even years

after they've left the elementary school — and the mittens, hats and scarves his late wife would knit for students as to what led employees at the school to nominate him for the award.

As well as an award, Drad and Beaumont School will each receive \$500 for the honour.

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## Shelley Glover

### Manitoba dishing too many dollars, relying too much on Ottawa: MP

Manitoba's top federal official says the province's NDP government has a spending problem and should stop blaming everyone else for it.

Winnipeg Conservative MP Shelley Glover was responding Wednesday

to questions about the province's claim that a 2011 census mistake could cost Manitoba hundreds of millions of dollars in federal transfer payments.

Glover, who is also Minister of Canadian Heritage, is also accusing the province of making joint infrastructure spending promises on the basis that Ottawa will join in.

Manitoba Finance Minister Jennifer Howard complained this week that the census failed to

account for 18,000 Manitobans, possibly because the head count was disrupted by flooding in the province that year.

Statistics Canada has said Manitoba actually had one of the highest census response rates in the country, but Howard insists Manitoba is being shortchanged.

There was no immediate response from Premier Greg Selinger to Glover's comments. THE CANADIAN PRESS/GLOBAL WINNIPEG

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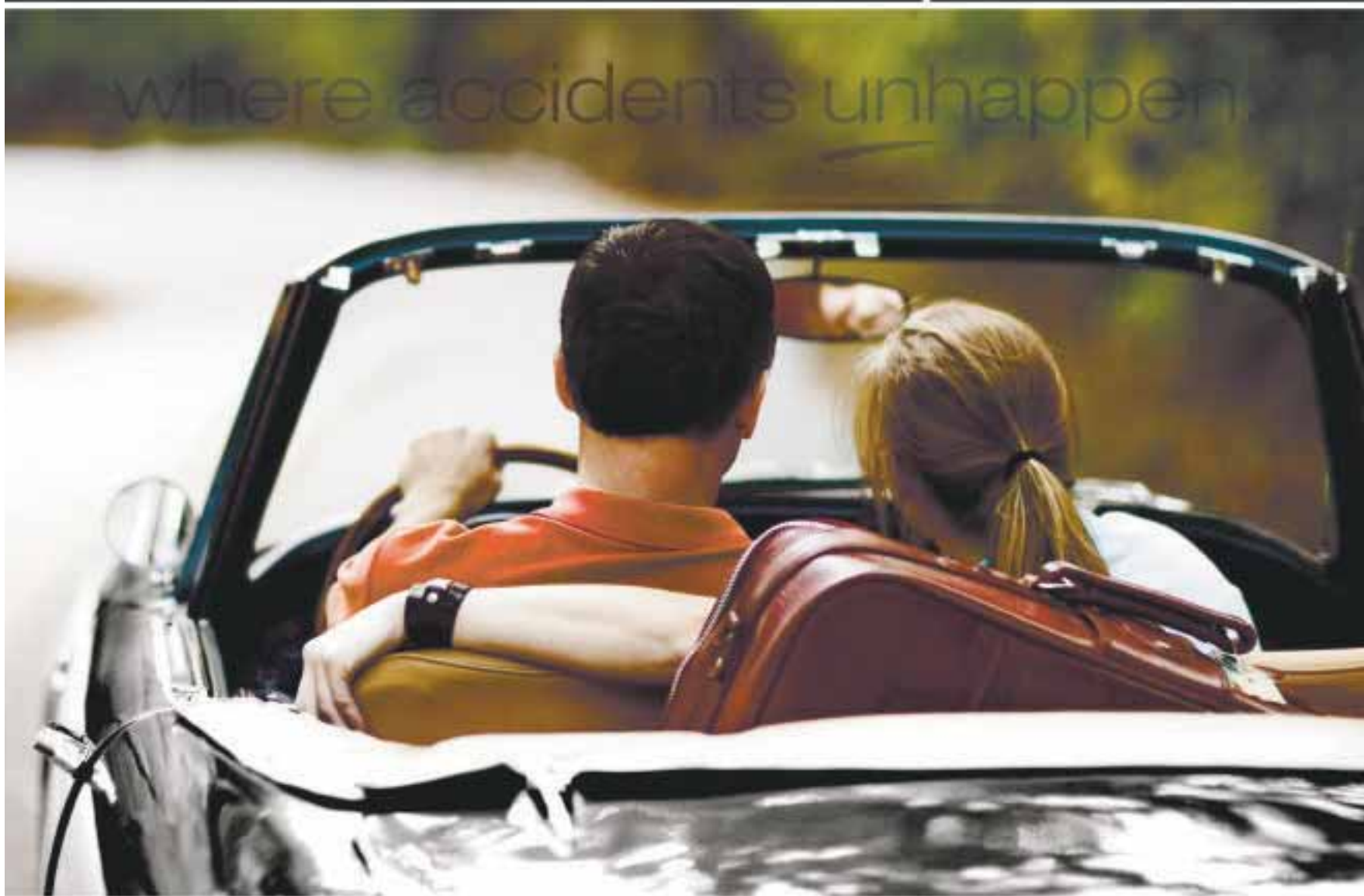
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# Psych Fest set to rock the solstice

**A winter fest to draw a crowd.** Organizers want to make festival a yearly event with a circuit across North America

The winter solstice is an ideal occasion for a party: it's the longest night of the year, after all.

That's part of the logic behind the solstice celebration that is the first — and potentially annual — Winnipeg Psych Fest, a music festival going down the night of Dec. 21 and pretty much straight on 'til morning.

One might consider it an outgrowth, or new growth, of the former ElementSircus — the longtime annual, "underground, experimental" festival that since 2003 had provided means to kick at the darkness 'til it bled daylight.

The new event is "less carnivalesque and more music-oriented," said Robert G. Menard,

a co-founder of ElementSircus and member of Winnipeg electro/trance/experimental group Absent Sound.

In addition to the music, "We're asking people to dress up more Warhol Factory-esque," he continues.

Psych fests are an established phenomenon; David Dobbs, promoter of the present Winnipeg event, recalls his own "personal highlight" of attending perhaps the greatest such celebration of all, that being the Austin Psych Fest in Texas.

The Winnipeg Fest's location, while printed on official tickets, is otherwise secret.

That keeps the event a bit "underground," Menard agrees, and the nature of many of the featured musicians — including locals This Hisses and Menard's and Dobbs's own alternate group, Spirits — also preserves an experimental feel.

And the solstice backdrop means attendees are part of something "people around the world partake in," Dobbs said.

KENTON SMITH/METRO



## Theatre Exchange puts on a family show

Annually, Prairie Theatre Exchange puts on a family show based on Robert Munsch books. This year's play — Portage & Munsch: 50 Below — runs Dec. 20 to Jan. 5. Murray Farnell, Aaron Pridham, and Kelci Stephenson channel their inner Munsch on stage as they act out a scene from Munsch's book *I Have To Go!* ZACH PETERS/METRO

# Santa Clauses getting ready to indulge in some holiday cheer

If you're out and about Friday night, you might come across a mob of people dressed in cheap red Santa suits, walking in and out of different Winnipeg bars, singing twisted versions of classic carols, and drinking their fill of Christmas cheer. This once-a-year event is Winnipeg's 16th SantaCon.

"I look forward to this more than Christmas," said Adam Dudek, who has organized SantaCon in Winnipeg

for the past eight years.

This year Dudek said they have ten locations on their bar stop wish list. Just as the bars sometimes change year by year, so does the number of people who come out for the holiday-themed pub crawl.

"We've had everywhere from 40 Santas all the way up to 140," said Dudek who expects the numbers to be lower this year given that they are hosting the pub crawl so

close to Christmas.

Although SantaCon is predominantly a pub crawl, it does have a charitable component.

"Everybody puts in their \$20 and then the rest of the money, after the bus is paid for, goes towards a charity of we have chosen for the particular year," said Dudek.

Tickets are being sold at Gags-Unlimited to pay for a bus so Santas can stay warm as they move from bar to bar.

Dudek said this year they are donating to the Children's Wish Foundation.

As the main organizer, Dudek makes sure Santas act with some decorum. In the last decade he hasn't seen a fight at Winnipeg's SantaCon.

"Everybody involved has a great time. We have so many people that come out every year and it's so much fun," said Dudek.

CLARA BUELOW/METRO



Local group Absent Sound, whose members David Fort and Robert G. Menard founded the forerunner of the fest, ElementSircus, are organizing Psych Fest. PSYCHFEST/HANDOUT

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# New indoor facility is stepping up to the plate

**Batter up.** An indoor baseball and softball centre is set to open its doors to Winnipeggers

The owner of a new indoor baseball training facility hopes the idea will be a warm home run in a cold winter city.

The Home Run Sports Training Facility will be the only indoor training facility of its kind in Winnipeg, and is set to open Jan. 2.

"There is such a passion for baseball and softball in this province," said Scott Neiles, CEO of Home Run Sports Canada.

Neiles' hope is the facility will provide a place for young baseball and softball players to take their game to the next level.

"When you have a three-month season, it's really hard to create some sort of

continuity and excitement (for the sport)," said Neiles. "So that's the perfect opportunity for this facility."

The facility will be used for clinics and camps for both players and coaches. It will also be available to ball associations for rental. Neiles said they hope to make connections with school divisions to enhance their field-trip curriculums as well.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg has partnered up, and their director of programs Michelle Schmidt said their current baseball programming has only been running during the summer.

"A lot of our kids have barriers when it comes to participating in organized sports due to costs," said Schmidt. "It will be huge in terms of providing them the same opportunity that other youth in Winnipeg have." **ZACH PETERS/METRO**



## For whom the bell cracks

'Tis the season for the Royal Winnipeg Ballet's Nutcracker. Ballerina Serena Sandford plays the colourful Aunt Josephine in this holiday favourite, which runs at the Centennial Concert Hall until Dec. 29. Visit [www.rwb.org](http://www.rwb.org) for more information and tickets.

BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

# Manitoba woman charged with impersonating 12 people

A Manitoba woman who is accused of impersonating a number of people is facing more charges.

RCMP say there are 13 new charges of impersonation and fraud against Shelly Lynn Chartier of

Easterville.

Chartier had already been charged with possession and transmission of child pornography, extortion and uttering threats.

One of the complainants' lawyers alleges his

client was the victim of a wide-ranging Internet hoax that resulted in a raid of his home.

Working in co-operation with the Colorado police department, RCMP say they are laying more charges in-

volving 11 other people who police allege have been impersonated and defrauded.

RCMP say details of the case are covered by a publication ban and no further information will be released. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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# Jury rules self-inflicted cell death a homicide

The videotaped choking death of a teenager in her segregation cell six years ago was a homicide, a jury decided on Thursday, sparking calls for police to reopen their criminal investigation into the tragedy.

The Ashley Smith inquest decision drew a gasp from a packed coroner's courtroom, which also heard jurors make 104 recommendations on dealing with self-harming, mentally ill women in federal prisons.

While the homicide decision is not a finding of legal liability, Smith's family lawyer immediately called for police to get involved, and lashed out at Correctional Service Canada.

"It is high time that those in charge are held accountable," Julian Falconer said.

"CSC, in my decades of work in this area, has proven they are an uncontrollable, unaccountable body. It is shameful."

Falconer called for the resignation of CSC Commissioner Don Head, who had warned jurors against making recommendations that would be expensive to implement.

The emotionally disturbed Smith, 19, of Moncton, N.B., strangled herself in her cell at the Grand Valley Institution in Kitchener, Ont., on Oct. 19, 2007.

Guards, under orders from

senior management against intervening as long as she was still breathing, waited too long to enter the cell and save her.

The verdict by the five female jurors made it clear they accepted the evidence of front-line guards about the no-entry orders. Several guards and a supervisor were initially charged with criminal negligence in Smith's death — but they were dropped.

"Those who made the order not to go into her cell — the deputy warden, the warden, those above — have yet to be truly investigated or yet to truly answer for their actions," Falconer said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Recommendations

The inquest heard evidence from 83 witnesses over 107 days starting in January about how poorly equipped the prison system was to deal with the mentally ill young woman.

- Among their sweeping recommendations, jurors urged that female inmates with serious mental-health issues or self-harming behaviours should serve time in a specialized treatment facility.
- The focus in dealing with such women, jurors said, should be on therapy, with treatment decisions made by clinicians rather than by security management.



Ashley Smith's family lawyers Julian Falconer, left, and Julian Roy address the media outside of the coroner's court following the Ashley Smith inquest verdict in Toronto on Thursday. MARK BLINCH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Quoted

"What happened to Ashley should never have happened. The concoctions of her as being violent were false; they were concocted in a way to justify a punitive treatment of her."

Kim Pate, the Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies



A woman stands bandaged and wearing a blanket given by emergency services following an incident at the Apollo Theatre in London's Shaftesbury Avenue on Thursday during a performance at the height of the Christmas season. Police said there were "a number" of casualties. JOEL RYAN, INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Dozens injured in theatre collapse

**London.** An evening performance turned into a disaster as part of the ceiling came crashing down onto audience members

Plaster and dust rained down on a packed audience when the ceiling of a London, England, theatre partially collapsed Thursday night. More than 75 people were injured — seven seriously, authorities said.

The collapse at the Apollo Theatre took place around 8:15 p.m. during a performance of The Curious Incident Of The Dog In The Night-Time.

Plaster and masonry from a

section of the ceiling tumbled down, bringing parts of the theatre's balconies down with it onto the audience, police said.

More than 700 people were in the theatre at the time, said the London Fire Brigade.

Officials said most of the injured were "walking wounded" with upper-body injuries, and that all are conscious.

Police and fire officials said it was too soon to say what had caused the partial collapse of the ceiling, but that a full investigation is being carried out.

"Complete chaos" erupted as the debris rained down, said Martin Bostock, who came with his family to see the show.

"At first, we thought it was part of the show," he told Sky News. "Then I got hit on the head." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Treating the injured

- Theatregoers were treated by dozens of emergency workers in the street outside the Apollo and at a nearby theatre.
- London Ambulance Service said it had treated 76 patients, with 51 taken to hospitals. Seven people suffered "serious injuries" but there were no fatalities and none of the injuries are believed to be life-threatening.
- The fire department reported that all those trapped in the Apollo have been rescued.

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## Canadian news to become top priority

Cable and satellite companies will be required to give their consumers the option of subscribing to Sun News Network and every other Canadian news channel, starting next spring.

Thursday's announcement by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission sets a mid-

March deadline for cable and satellite companies to offer all Canadian news services either in bundles or a la carte.

"Canadian news services are an important part of our democracy," CRTC chair Jean-Pierre Blais said in a statement. "Canadians, as citizens, will have access to the news services that are of interest to them and will therefore have an opportunity to be exposed to a variety of opinions on matters of public concern."

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## Road kill?

## Flipped rig spills tons of ham

A truck overturned in metro Atlanta, spilling tons of ham onto an interstate ramp.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports the truck was hauling 40,000 pounds of hams Thursday around 4 a.m. when it overturned, spilling its cargo south of Atlanta.

Authorities were work

ing early Thursday to clear the ramp from Old National Highway to Interstate 85 southbound after the crash.

The cab of the truck was destroyed in the crash, which also caused a diesel fuel spill.

Truck driver, Rigo Vargas, said he was hauling the hams to Texas when he wrecked. He said he banged his head against the door when the rig flipped over, but wasn't seriously hurt.

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**Toronto Mayor Rob Ford walks by a statue of Santa as he leaves city hall on Dec. 13. Ford is offering husbands tips on what to get their wives for Christmas.**

# Ho, ho, hold the Christmas presents?

**'Tis the season to cash in.** Mayor's gift-giving suggestions draw mix of sarcasm, amusement and irritation

The mayor's latest comments drew a mix of sarcasm, amusement and irritation from online commenters.

"Rob Ford's understanding/respect for women is astounding," tweeted one woman.

"Dear Rob Ford, some women don't want money as gifts. I for instance, want a PlayStation 4."

"Buy your wife a gift,"  
tweeted another.

## Quoted

**“Women love money. You give them a couple thousand bucks and they’re happy.”**

Rob Ford

Meanwhile, some poked fun at the mayor while referencing some of his other controversial statements.

"Rob Ford ... Christmas gifts are easy to give especially when I'm in a drunken stupor," tweeted one man.

"Women love money and men love crack. A heartwarming insight into Christmas at the Rob Ford household," tweeted another.

After months of denying reports that he had been filmed smoking what appeared to be crack cocaine, Ford admitted he had smoked the drug about a year ago in one of his "drunken stupors."

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### Canada's largest charities

Funds raised by donations, special events (in millions)

- 1 Canadian Red Cross: \$287.0
- 2 World Vision: \$282.2
- 3 Canadian Cancer Society: \$188.4
- 4 Salvation Army: \$180.9
- 5 Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada: \$124.0
- 6 United Way Toronto: \$116.9
- 7 SickKids Foundation: \$110.1
- 8 Plan International: \$107.1
- 9 Aga Khan Foundation Canada: \$98.0
- 10 Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation: \$80.3

(Source: Charity Intelligence Canada)

### Giving less than Americans

# 0.64%

The Fraser Institute's 2013 Generosity Index found Canadians donated 0.64 per cent of their aggregate incomes to charity in 2011, half the 1.33 per cent given by United States tax filers.

### Social beings

- Social media is a novel platform for charities to spread the word and get noticed in a crowded market; the Movember fundraiser is a case in point. But a UBC-led study, The Nature of Slacktivism, found a Facebook "like" for a certain cause often translated to no donation at all. Giving via text message is also highly convenient, especially for disaster relief appeals. CharityIntelligence.ca and CharityFocus.ca offer quick, easy ways to research charities' financial reports, before using portals like CanadaHelps.org and Chimp.net to contribute.

### Women slightly more generous

# 4%

Women were four per cent more likely to donate money to charities than men. The 15-to-34 age group was less likely to give than baby boomers.



### Quoted

**"There is far more financial pressure on young people these days than there was historically and in terms of time being squeezed for volunteering."**

Prof. Peter Elson, director of the Institute for Nonprofit Studies at Calgary's Mount Royal University

### Who

- Canadians who attend a place of worship weekly are more inclined to donate and make larger donations. That's why religious organizations benefitted from \$4.26 billion in 2010 donations. The health sector (\$1.59 billion) and social services (\$1.16 billion) were next in popularity.
- Prof. Charles Weinberg, of the University of British Columbia's Sauder School of Business, said planned giving takes a backseat to impulse giving at this time of year. "It's the holiday season, you're in a good mood and what about, sadly, people that don't have enough food or kids that don't have toys?"

### Total tax filers

# 24.8M

The number of tax filers in Canada, according to Statistics Canada: 24,841,630.

### Dec. 31

- New Year's Eve is the deadline to donate for the 2013 tax year, but tax breaks were cited as the motivator by only 23 per cent in a 2012 Statistics Canada report on giving.
- Compassion for those in need (90 per cent), belief in a cause (86 per cent) and contributing to the community (80 per cent) were the top three reasons.

### 2019

- Canadian charities will be forced to adapt for future holiday seasons. By 2019, Canada Post will stop delivering mail door-to-door in urban areas.

# It's one man's gig to give year-round

## Spreading the joy.

Thousands of toys — up to 75,000 — will be donated to children this holiday season

**BOB MACKIN**  
For Metro in Vancouver

Tonka trucks, hockey sticks, Barbie dolls, soccer balls and remote controlled mini-drones are stacked on shelves of a modest, three-storey Vancouver warehouse — the secret Santa central, if you will.

The Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau, founded in 1930, helps 1,000 families directly and more than 40,000 children and youth around the region get toys, books and clothes for Christmas.

"It means a lot to me," said Angela Woods as she left the bureau's headquarters with Christmas surprises for her son. "If they didn't have this every year, I wouldn't know what to do. They're awesome up there, they are amazing."

It's the season for giving, and a recent Ipsos Reid poll found that 87 per cent of poll respondents said they enjoy feeling good about giving to charity. Only 13 per cent got the "bah, humbugs" over the thought of giving to a charity during the holidays. That means charities like the Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau go from silent to crazy in a very short period.

"The bureau quietly chugs along, collecting toys, disbursing them to other bureaus and shelters, then we open for this three weeks," said executive director Chris Bayliss. "It goes from a quiet, boring, ugly warehouse on the East-side to often full of volunteers and people, full of fun for a



Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau executive director Chris Bayliss in the East Vancouver warehouse, among Okanagan apple bins used for sorting donations. BOB MACKIN/FOR METRO IN VANCOUVER

month."

The Christmas Bureau collects toys at big events throughout fall, from the Greater Vancouver Motorcycle Toy Run to the Vancouver Giants' Teddy Bear Toss to the Pan Pacific Christmas Wish Breakfast, which attracted 15 tonnes of donations on Dec. 11.

"The regional role is changing, as Metro Vancouver grows further afield we get more and more working poor," Bayliss says. "I was brought up my whole life to believe this, we're all two paycheques away from being broke."

In 2001, the Christmas Bureau gave 17,000 donated toys to needy homes. This year, Bayliss estimates some 50,000 to 75,000 toys and books, plus about 5,000 clothes and coats, will put smiles on children's

### A good way to give

## Transparency can aid charities

"Whether you're at the checkout counter, the Salvation Army kettles or when you get the mail, it's almost overwhelming how many 'asks' you get," said Charity Intelligence Canada managing director Kate Bahen.

Bahen's Toronto organization gauges transparency of non-profits and

publishes reports on the finances of 500 charities on its website. Bahen said Canadians deserve proof that their donations are spent wisely and make a difference.

"To whom much is given, much is expected," she said.

Charities must "more effectively report what did you do with the money, how did you spend it, who did you work with, what was the social impact?" Bahen said. "How did you help Canada?"

faces.

Bayliss and a part-timer are employed year-round. A dozen workers join for three

to 10 weeks in the run-up to Christmas. He estimated volunteers worked 800 person hours on-site last December.

### How

- Telemarketing is unpopular and door-to-door appeals have declined substantially. Weinberg says volunteer door-knockers are harder to find and residents may not be at home. If they are, they may not answer for fear of a scam. Supermarket checkout appeals and e-giving are among the alternatives.

### Quoted

**"Non-profit organizations have to be inventive, have to recognize that the way people part with their money is changing."**

Prof. Charles Weinberg, of the University of British Columbia's Sauder School of Business



# Faux no to faux yes: Vegan leather, fake fur so hot right now

**Faux is the new black.** Pleasantly surprise the fashion plate on your gift list with something fake

Finding a knockoff version of the fur you want under the Christmas tree would ordinarily be a disappointment.

Not this year.

Faux is the new black this season for holiday gifts. But this isn't the "pleather" of the 1980s — that cheap, plastic-looking material made popular by Michael Jackson during his Thriller days.

A \$198 fuzzy brown coat at Banana Republic has a prominently placed tag that reads "faux fur."

Dresses with "vegan leather" accents are flying

off virtual shelves at shopbop.com. And at luxury retailer Barney's, a Marni faux leather three-quarter sleeve jacket sells for \$1,900.

Faux is gaining popularity in part because there have been advances in technology enabling designers to make better-looking fakes. In a still-shaky economy that has made Americans more frugal, faux also can be seen as a good way to be trendy without breaking the bank. And a movement

toward socially conscious shopping makes some people feel better about faux purchases.

It helps that some A-listers have given faux their seal of approval. Models have been seen on the runway wearing faux leather pieces in shows for big-name designers like Tom Ford and Rag & Bone. And actresses Anne Hathaway and Kate Hudson have strutted on the red carpet in faux leather and fur.

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Banana Republic's Fair Isle faux-fur neck warmer.  
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## \$6B proposal. Panel gives OK to Northern Gateway pipeline, with conditions

A review panel is recommending that the proposed Northern Gateway pipeline that would connect the Alberta oilsands to tankers on the B.C. coast go ahead.

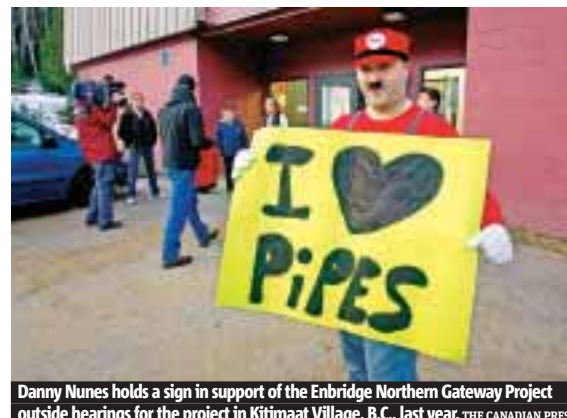
But the panel has attached 209 conditions to the project.

The final decision rests with the federal government, which has roughly six months to respond to the report.

The controversial \$6-billion proposal has pitted Calgary-based Enbridge against environmental groups and several First Nations.

They have raised concerns about the possibility of an oilspill on land or off the coast of British Columbia.

Supporters say the line is critical if Alberta is to get its oil to emerging markets in Asia. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Danny Nunes holds a sign in support of the Enbridge Northern Gateway Project outside hearings for the project in Kitimaat Village, B.C., last year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Take a bow, Canada

American happy we no longer get home mail delivery

The announced demise of home mail delivery in Canada has prompted a celebratory reaction from one U.S. lawmaker, who longs to see his own country adopt a similar reform to end residential postal service.

Republican congressman Darrell Issa "applauded" the move.

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## Microfilms give people of China a voice

People in China watch them in the subway, on buses, even as they walk down a sidewalk: Homegrown short films that are low-budget, intensely popular and accessible to anyone with a smartphone. Microfilms, uploaded

to Chinese YouTube-style and video-streaming sites, offer themes and subjects not shown in the country's strictly censored cinemas. And thanks to video-capturing smartphones and basic editing software available

on laptops, anyone can be a director.

"The barrier for making a film has been brought so low it really has become a democratic means for expression," Chinese film critic Raymond Zhou said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



The set of a microfilm near Beijing in October. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE



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# ORDER SNACKS VIA TWEET?

**1 Twitter vending machines.** Telus created a Twitter-enabled vending machine at the Pacific Centre Shopping Mall in Vancouver that rewards tweeting consumers with toy pandas as part of a partnership with the World Wildlife Fund. They're on to something, I hope. In the future, I'll be able to tweet a vending machine using a hashtag such as #bbqdoritos, and out that bag will come.

**2 Instagram messaging.** The social media photo site has introduced Instagram Direct, allowing you to message your buds photos and videos. Hmmm, isn't Snapchat for private messaging someone a photo or video? (Well, true, those disappear). My wish is to someday be tweeting a Instagram photo via direct message on Snapchat using Facebook. That will simplify everything.

**3 Beyoncé's social media blitz.** Foregoing traditional media channels, Beyoncé released her latest album with a simple "Surprise!" to her more than eight million Instagram followers — and the full album appeared for sale on iTunes. It hit a record for albums sold on the site. Goes to show (again) that sometimes the best marketing is no marketing. Of course, it helps if you're a pop culture icon.



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**4 Arlene Dickinson.** One of my fave stars of Dragons' Den has a new book out, *All In*, about balancing your personal and professional life when you're an entrepreneur. I fancy myself an entrepreneur, so I'll be reading it this Christmas morning when I receive it as a stocking stuffer from my wife. If she reads this.

**5 Stuff on Scout's Head.** Photos of pets on the Internet — particularly cats and dogs — do really, really well. The most famous is Grumpy Cat, discovered on news site Reddit. An up-and-coming contender perhaps is the Canadian version: Stuff on Scout's Head, which features a pit bull with stuff that his owner puts on his head — everything from a toque to a pie to a skateboard. I cannot explain the Internet.

**6 Peterborough Turkey.** A picture of a turkey standing in a transit shelter next to a Canada Post box in Peterborough, Ont., went viral this week. The turkey had been stopping traffic recently on a major road. At least it's learning to take the bus now. So why else did this turkey pic catch on? "Turkeys — they are like kittens with beaks," one person tweeted.

**7 Survivor Brand.** Tyson Apostol won the 27th edition of the TV show *Survivor* in a rather lacklustre season that ended with

the lowest rating for a *Survivor* finale ever. With the iconic reality show slumping in ratings in recent years, it may be time to reinvent the brand. Add more villains. Or have only villains. The world loves watching villains on TV. Or just let all competitors use social media.

**8 Carl McCoid.** This guy from Yorkshire, England, keeps getting tattoos of Miley Cyrus. He now has 22 different ones of her. This guy is a human wrecking ball with Miley Cyrus all over him.

**9 Sorry, we're great.** A CNN post titled 10 Things Canada Does Better Than Anywhere Else got a lot of attention this week with its list that included apologizing, lake and cottage country, stand-in movie locations, humour and more. Sorry, but the only thing they missed is beer. We make (and drink) better beer than anyone, eh?

**10 Scarlett Johansson and cheese.** Under the headline: Scarlett Johansson Has Weird Feelings About Cheese, on NY Magazine, the actress was quoted as saying: "I don't eat it, but I love it... I like to smell cheese, I like to watch people enjoying it and I like to encourage people to eat cheeses I know taste really good. But I don't eat it any more because my body just does better without it." Life doesn't get weirder or cheesier than that.

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## ZOOM

### Photo shoot goes swimmingly



CANADIAN MUSEUM OF NATURE/HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

#### Museum has a few bones to pick

For most people, fish bones may be just an annoyance at dinnertime.

But a new exhibition at the Canadian Museum of Nature, in Ottawa, could give viewers a broader perspective.

X-rays of Arctic Fishes, opening Jan. 11, features images that show "the spectacular osteological architecture of fishes," such as this X-ray of a boa dragonfish (pictured), says museum ichthyologist (fish scientist) Noel Alfonso.

Fish are considered to have the most complex bone

structures of all vertebrates. That makes osteology — the study of bones — more challenging with fish than with other animals possessing a spinal column.

As revealed in X-rays, the number of vertebrae can be used to differentiate one fish species from another, Alfonso said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

#### Skin, bone and dinner

- An X-ray of a 14-centimetre-long boa dragonfish (not pictured), reveals a fish in its stomach. That makes this specimen a rare find, since "these things can often go for months without feeding," said Alfonso.

#### Clickbait



**HANNAH ZITNER**  
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If the dark mornings, cold evenings and slushy all-the-times have you taking your fitness routine inside, don't sweat it.

Or rather do (but without the monotony of the exercise machine). From the makers of *Guitar Hero*, *Goji Play* is the latest 'gamerising' gimmick helping gamers get to the gym. Using two wireless controllers and a clip-on sensor, gym-goers can turn their treadmill into a gaming console while blasting away Christmas calories. As you ramp up the speed on the stepper, watch as your character gains power and speed — while keeping track of your sweaty stats (kilometres, calories, etc.). Here's a couple of games to get you started.

#### Fisticuffs:

Get in the ring with fighters including a drunken sailor, angry Viking and top-hat wearing bar keeper.

picking up moonshine, snake oil and crawdads as ammo to keep you in the game.

#### Shine Runner:

Cruise around the bayou in a fan boat

#### Super Moto X:

Race through a city of the future while jumping over obstacles, avoiding slow zones and steering clear of the 5-0.



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#### Comments

**RE: 'Outdated' Nova Scotia Law Requires All Men To Shovel Highway Snow, published online Dec. 18**

Psssh. Subsection A: All physically fit

female persons between the ages of 16 and 60 are required to make hot chocolate with marshmallows on the highways during winter for the male persons who work with their shovels on the highways during winter. **Aeric posted to metronews.ca**

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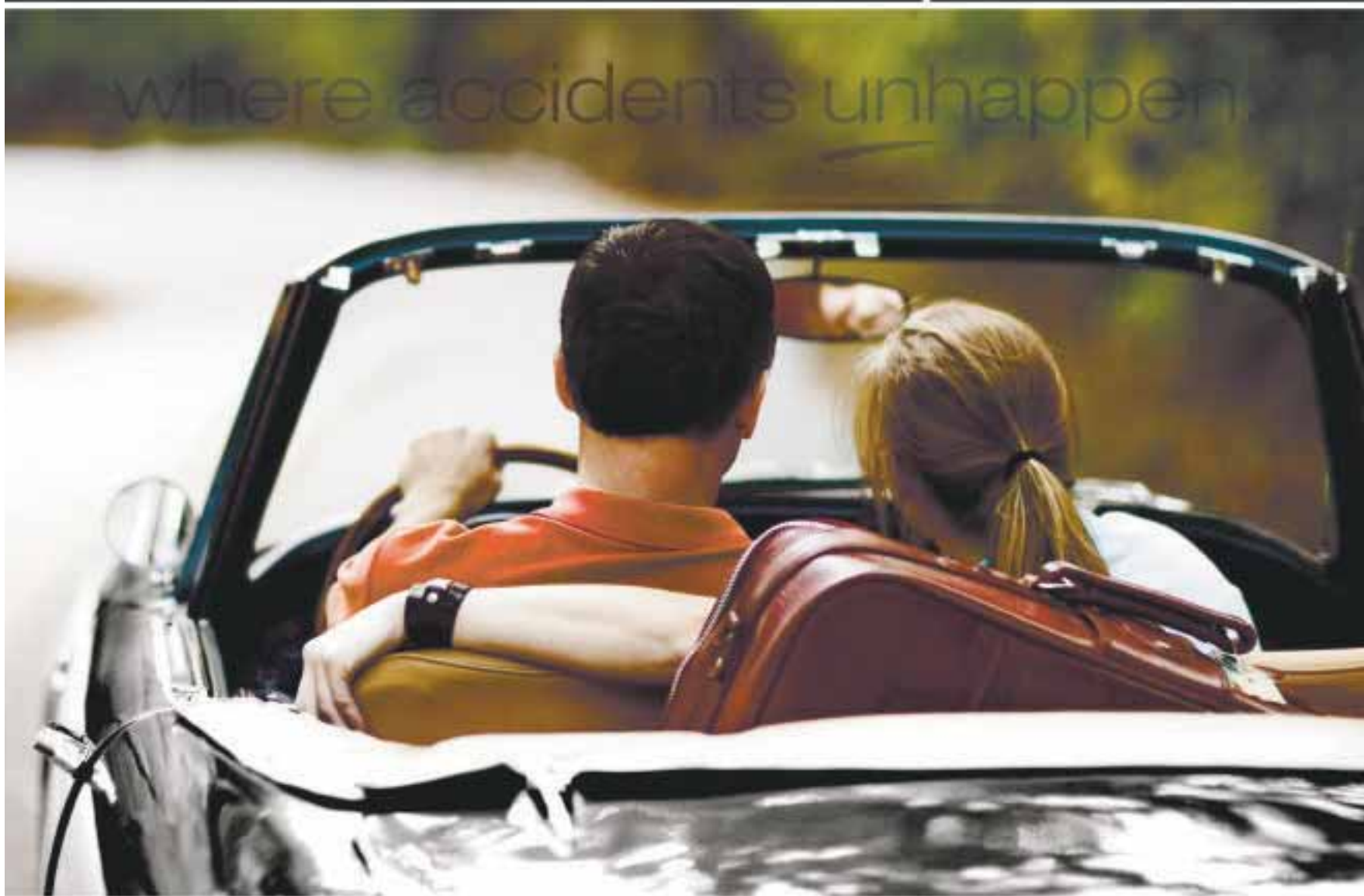
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## Synopsis

**Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues** opened this week bringing confident but thick news anchor Ron Burgundy (Will Ferrell) back to the big screen after a nine year absence. The first film made catchphrases like, "I love scotch. Scotch, scotch, scotch," and the names Brick Tamland (Steve Carell), Brian Fantana (Paul Rudd) and Champion "Champ" Kind (David Koechner) household words. In celebration of the return of the team from San Diego's KVVN Channel 4 the Reel Guys have a look back at the career of funnyman Will Ferrell.



Will Ferrell reprises his role as blustering anchorman Ron Burgundy in *Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues*. CONTRIBUTED

# Where there's a Will, there's a way to laugh

## Reel Guys

**RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN**



**Funnyman Ferrell.** In honour of the return of Ron Burgundy, the Reel Guys review their favourite Ferrell flicks

**Richard:** Mark, I think Will Ferrell is one of the bravest comedic actors working today; someone willing to do anything for a laugh. Trouble is, I often don't laugh. *Anchorman* is laugh-out-loud funny. Ditto *Elf* and *Old School*, but sometimes I feel he has to rein the manic energy in, do half as much and maybe be twice as funny. Having said that, the *Shark Week* jokes in *Step Brothers* really make me giggle.

**Mark:** Richard, I share your am-

bivalence toward Ferrell. He's not my go-to guy for funny. Still, he's done some great work. My favourite Will Ferrell movies are two indie films he's starred in: *Stranger Than Fiction* and *Everything Must Go*. They're the equivalent of Jim Carrey's work in *The Truman Show* and *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*. Maybe not huge crowd pleasers, but they show the true breadth of his talent.

**RC:** I agree. I think *Stranger Than Fiction* is worth a rental. It's touching and funny, which for me is Ferrell's sweet spot. *A Night at the Roxbury* is a silly comedy but Ferrell's wide-eyed performance is the kind of thing I like from him. Outrageous, yes, but underneath the silly is a real guy. Sometimes I can't see the real guy under-

neath his characters and those are his movies that don't work for me. Except *Zoolander*. As fashion guru Mugatu he's so strange he dares you not to laugh at him.

**MB:** Yes, he's sometimes better in a supporting role in which his over-the-top zaniness doesn't sink the whole picture. Mugatu for sure, but also the mattress salesman in *The Internship* or Franz in *The Producers*. But generally, I find his man-child jock character wearying. Which is why, I think, *Anchorman* is such a successful movie. It's a Will Ferrell movie for people who don't care for Will Ferrell movies. Did you enjoy the sequel, Richard?

**RC:** I did. I think there is a lot of life left in Ron Burgundy. It's

funny in an outrageous way. It's a bit too long, (and don't bother sitting through to the post credit scene unless you find the sight of Steve Carell eating cookies hilarious) but the buffoonery level is high in a season where serious drama seems to be the ticket.

In the last couple of weeks I have seen Ferrell, in character, sit in on some local newscasts and he fit right in. As long as there is media, egomaniac announcers and local news, there will be a place for Ron Burgundy.

**MB:** Yes, but let's not forget he's supported by a stellar cast of comic actors: Paul Rudd, Jim Carrey, Steve Carell, Vince Vaughn, Kristen Wiig. Even if Ferrell isn't your cup of tea, it's hard to believe this movie won't work.

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## Animation/Family



## Walking with Dinosaurs 3D

**Directors.** Barry Cook, Neil Nightingale

**Stars.** Charlie Rowe, Karl Urban

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This is a really odd movie. It looks like a high-end educational documentary you'd see on the History Channel, but anyone with more than a Grade 2 reading level will find the story slow and clichéd. The computer animated story of a herd of migrating dinosaurs and the dangers they face is beautiful looking but dragged down by terrible voice work. Imagine Jurassic Park without Jeff Goldblum or the fun and you get the idea.

**RICHARD CROUSE**

## Biography Comedy



## Saving Mr. Banks

**Director.** John Lee Hancock

**Stars.** Tom Hanks, Emma Thompson

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The story of Walt Disney's (Tom Hanks) efforts to convince author P.L. Travers (Emma Thompson) to sell the rights to Mary Poppins is actually two stories folded into one. The first is a Hollywood tale, the second a psychological drama told in flashbacks about Travers's troubled father (Colin Farrell). Fine performances abound but this is Thompson's movie. Her portrayal of Travers is nuanced, split between the cantankerous woman she became with echoes of the innocent young girl she once was. **RICHARD CROUSE**

## Crime/Drama



## American Hustle

**Director.** David O. Russell

**Stars.** Christian Bale, Amy Adams, Bradley Cooper

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American Hustle sees con artists Irving Rosenfeld (Christian Bale) and Sydney Prosser (Amy Adams) threatened with arrest unless they cooperate with ambitious FBI agent Richie DiMaso (Bradley Cooper). They help him run a complicated corruption investigation involving New Jersey mayor Carmen Polito (Jeremy Renner) but the sting gets out of control when the Mafia gets involved. Of the great ensemble cast Jennifer Lawrence really stands out in an entertainingly audacious movie. **RICHARD CROUSE**

## Drama



## Nebraska

**Director.** Alexander Payne

**Stars.** Bruce Dern, Will Forte

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There's erasable and then there's Woody Grant (Bruce Dern), a cantankerous man who thinks a "You may already be a winner" letter is a ticket to a million dollar fortune. After several failed attempts to walk to Lincoln, Neb., to claim his prize Woody's son David (Will Forte) offers to drive him. He knows the ticket is worthless but understands it's the thing that gives Woody something to live for. Director Alexander Payne keeps things nimble and very funny in places in this beautiful black-and-white film. **RICHARD CROUSE**

## Say it ain't so, Shia. Star in hot water over 'blatant' theft of other artist's work

There may be legal ramifications for Shia LaBeouf after he acknowledged borrowing from another artist's work without giving proper credit.

LaBeouf debuted his short film, Howard Cantour.com, online on Monday starring Jim Gaffigan. It examines the life of an anguished online film critic. That was also the story line of a 2007 graphic novella by artist Daniel Clowes titled Justin M. Damiano.

Clowes declined to comment directly, but according to his publisher, Fantagraphics' Eric Reynolds, Clowes "is exploring his legal options."

Reynolds said Wednesday he was "baffled" by the news of LaBeouf's project, which he and Clowes got wind of on Monday. "LaBeouf changed the name of the main character, but he used the comic as a direct script and storyboard," Reynolds said. "Clowes has a real melodramatic voice that is very idiosyncratic and LaBeouf just used the dialogue word for word. There is no ambiguity.



**Shia LaBeouf**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

There is no way that anybody wrote this but Dan Clowes. It just defies any kind of logic or good sense. This was so blatant and inexcusable that it was as baffling as it was appalling."

LaBeouf's short began to circulate in 2012 at festivals like the Cannes Film Festival, but was just posted online officially on Monday. Soon afterward, it was taken down, and LaBeouf took to Twitter to apologize for lifting ideas from Clowes' work and passing them off as his own.

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# Leo's just a sheep in big bad wolf clothes

**Wolf of Wall Street.**  
As a boy DiCaprio dreamed of working with Scorsese, and now they're co-conspirators

**MATT PRIGGE**  
Metro World News in New York

Leonardo DiCaprio always wanted to be a Martin Scorsese actor. "I remember my father taking me to see one of his movies," the actor recalls. "He said, 'If you have the opportunity and a green light in this industry, there's one person you should work with.'"

It was the director of Mean Streets, Goodfellas, Raging Bull, After Hours.

And when DiCaprio became the biggest actor in the world, it wasn't too long before he was headlining Scorsese's Gangs of New York.

Their fifth film together — including The Departed

and Shutter Island — was DiCaprio's idea. He read The Wolf of Wall Street, a tell-all memoir by unfathomably hedonistic broker Jordan Belfort, and felt it would fit Scorsese's sensibilities, in addition to being sobering commentary.

"I thought [his book] was a reflection of everything that was wrong with today's society," he says, chuckling.

"Jordan gave into every carnal indulgence possible."

The film, written by Boardwalk Empire scribe Terence Winter, chronicles the many hedonistic exploits of Belfort, who rises from a nobody selling penny stocks by the thousands to schnooks to dominating the Financial District.

"He represents something within our very nature, something that is very wrong. You can point to those attributes to everything's going on in our world today," DiCaprio says. But he adds, "He's not the problem. I quickly realized these weren't the fat cats that were destroying our



Leonardo DiCaprio plays hedonistic broker Jordan Belfort in Wolf of Wall Street, opening Dec. 25. CONTRIBUTED

economy. They were the street urchins. They were part of the underworld trying to create a little island and emulating Gordon

Gekko," he explains, referencing Michael Douglas' slick-haired Wall Street villain (and, to some, an idol).

"They were trying to be

the guys that were robbing our country of billions and billions of dollars."

DiCaprio spent time with Belfort, who he describes

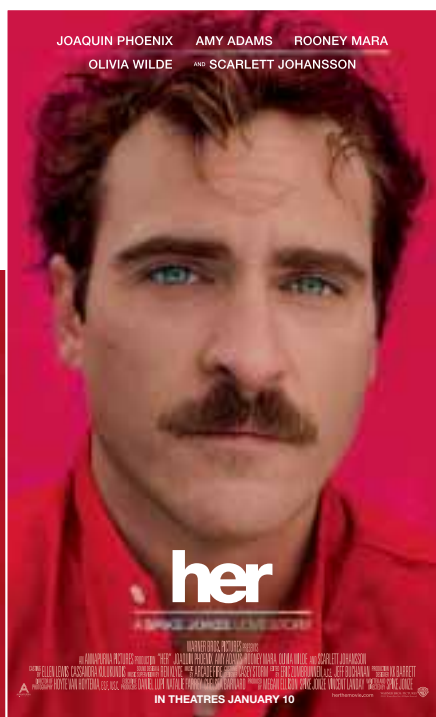
as reformed. "He looks at this [period] as an isolated period in his life. He's been paying the price ever since, trying to pay his debt to everyone he ripped off."

Belfort even told him how to play high on 'ludes, for a lengthy sequence where he and the fellow broker played by Jonah Hill take too many drugs and find their bodies won't work. "He told me what quaaludes were like," he recalls. "I had him rolling around on the floor for me."

He also says he watched, on a loop, a YouTube clip called The World's Drunkiest Man, in which someone tries to get a beer but his body won't let him.

As for reuniting again with Scorsese, he's predictably gushy, talking about a mantra he gave him: "As long as you portray these people for what they are, and you don't try to sugarcoat them or apologize for their actions or depict them in any way apart from what they are, audiences will go along with you."

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# Oscar Isaac embraces rising-star status since making *Inside Llewyn Davis*

**'I knew I could play Llewyn.'** Young up-and-comer earned his stripes in new Coen brothers flick

RICHARD CROUSE  
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In the new Coen brothers film, *Inside Llewyn Davis*, Golden Globe nominee Oscar Isaac works opposite an all-star cast. From Justin Timberlake to Carey Mulligan and John Goodman, there's no shortage of star power on the marquee.

There was one co-star, however, he wasn't looking forward to working with. In fact, he described working with a red Mackerel cat named Ulysses as "daunting."

"I'm not afraid of cats," he says. "But a cat put me in

the hospital once. It bit me. Ninety percent of cat bites are highly infectious. The next morning I woke up with a red line going up my arm. It had gotten into my lymphatic system. I had to go to the hospital and I was there for two days. That was six years ago.

"Then you cut to the Coens and they're like, 'We've got five cats and we're going to attach them to you and you're going to run as fast as you can.' It was daunting."

The 33-year-old actor plays a broody folk singer in 1961 Greenwich Village. To pull off the role he had to perform many songs live on film, an experience he describes as "so incredibly joyful I have no way of communicating it."

"I knew I could play Llewyn. I knew what was required, which was playing these amazing, beautiful, old folk songs that have been passed down. So the songs are great. I'm working with



Oscar Isaac stars as 1960's folk singer Llewyn Davis in *Inside Llewyn Davis*. CONTRIBUTED

[executive music producer] T-Bone [Burnett] and he's going to tell me if I am sounding

false and is building my confidence throughout and Joel and Ethan [Coen] are filming

it so in a way, you'd have to try really hard to f— that up." *Inside Llewyn Davis* is gar-

## The Rookie

This is the first leading role for Isaac.

- He previously had smaller parts in *Sucker Punch*, *Drive* and *W.E.*

nering attention for the young actor. Recently he was on the Today show when his name was announced as a Best Actor Golden Globe nominee.

"After the segment was over I went downstairs," he says. "Then my name came out and I was immediately escorted up the steps to get back on, in front of the cameras to get a reaction before I even had a moment to possibly formulate what I would say about it. It's such a huge thing. I'm still trying to wrap my mind around the fact that I was even cast in this movie."

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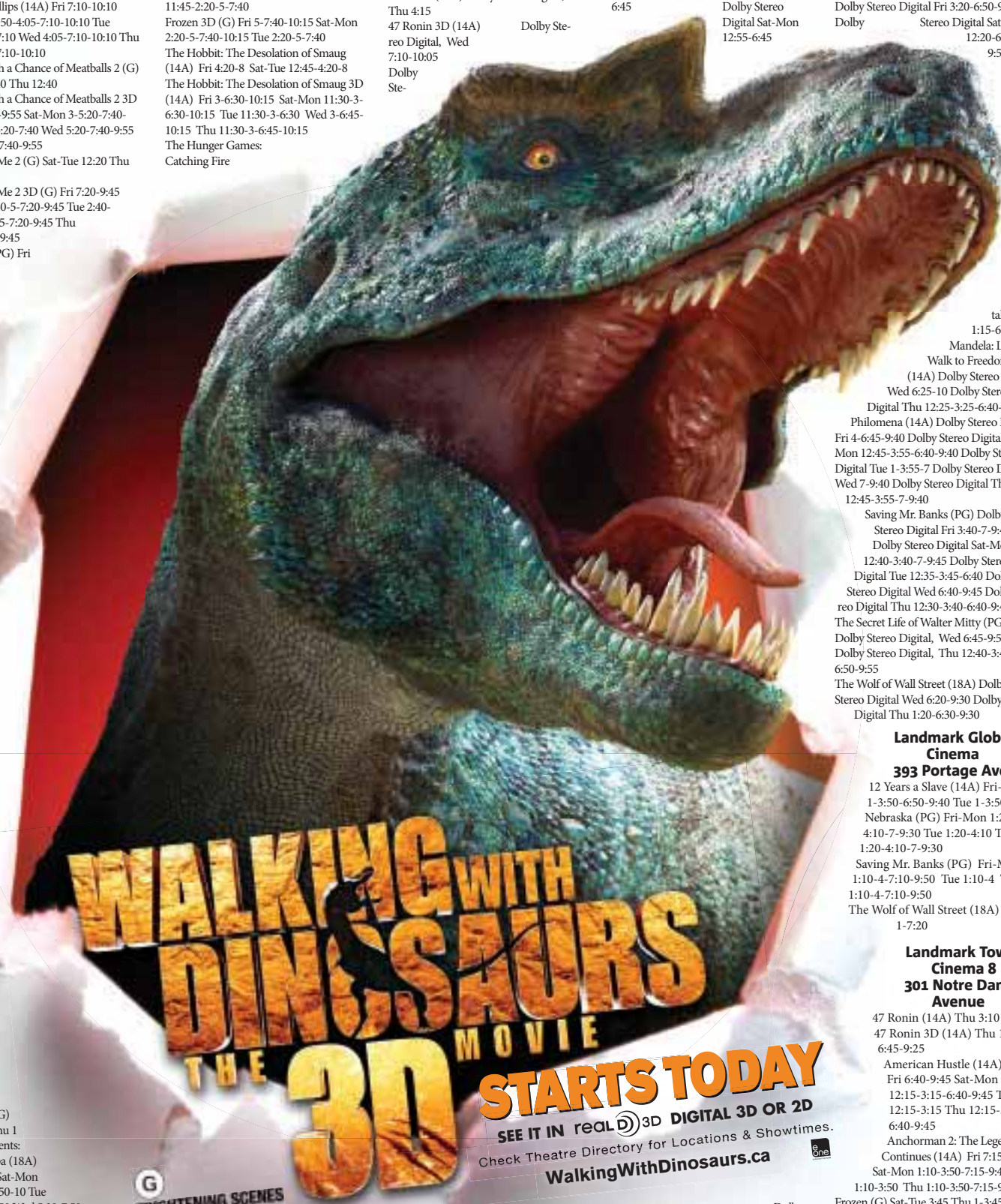
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(14A) Fri 2:10-5:05-8-10:55 Sat 11:25-  
2:10-5:05-7:55-10:55 Sun 2:10-5:05-7:55-  
10:50 Mon 11:25-2:10-5:05-7:55-10:50  
Tue 11:25-2:10-5:05-7:55 Wed-Thu  
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Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christ-  
mas (PG) Sat 11  
Frozen (G) Fri 11:45 Sat 11:10-11:45 Sun-  
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Frozen 3D (G) Fri-Mon 2:20-5-7:35-10:10  
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Grudge Match (14A) Wed 2-4:50-7:35-  
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The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug  
(14A) Fri-Mon 1-4:40-8:20 Tue 1-4:40-  
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The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG)  
Fri-Mon 12:30-3:50-7:30-10:45 Tue 12:35-  
3:50-7:30 Wed-Thu 1-4:20-7:45-11  
Royal Opera: The Nutcracker - Encore  
(STC) Sun 12:55  
The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (PG)  
Wed-Thu 11:45-2:30-5:25-8:10-11  
Thor: The Dark World (PG) Fri-Mon  
2-4:50-7:45-10:30 Tue 2-4:50-7:45  
Thor: The Dark World 3D (PG) Wed-Thu  
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Walking With Dinosaurs (G) Fri-Sat 12:15  
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## The other key games this holiday

**Mobile and more.**  
What's available beyond  
the big platforms? Racing  
avians, digital dice and a  
land made out of paper

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### Angry Birds Go!

Angry Birds creator Rovio takes  
a page from the Mario Kart  
playbook, porting Red, Chuck,  
Bomb and Bubbles (and their  
pig nemeses) into a racing  
game, where you can blast one  
another using special power-  
ups. Kids who buy Telepods —  
physical playsets, found in toy  
stores — can import their char-  
acters as well. It's available for  
download and it's free, though  
you can pay to pimp your ride.

### Dice +

Trying to bring the board game  
back, Dice+ does so digitally.  
The small cube looks like a die  
but with illuminated numbers  
instead of dots. Roll it, and it  
lights up and sends messages  
— via Bluetooth — to a game  
on your iPad. So-called powered  
board games include backgam-

mon, a pirate adventure and  
the Twister-with-fingers Rum-  
ble Stumble. \$39.99 US, Dicepl.  
us

### The Elder Scrolls Anthology

Dan Harmon, creator of Com-  
munity, is a fan. The latest edi-  
tion sold 20 million copies. And  
one player named her child  
Dovahkiin as part of a contest.  
The role-playing Elder Scrolls  
series has a devoted following,  
and if you know a fellow Storm-  
cloak, they'd appreciate this.  
It's a gorgeously-produced box  
set with all five games, official  
add-ons and five physical maps  
detailing the worlds of Morrow-  
ind, Tamriel and Skyrim. PC,  
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in your home. Now it's a real-  
ity, if you own an iPad. Plug it  
into the iCade and the joystick  
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sic games like Pac-Man, Centi-  
pede, Asteroids and 500 more.  
And even though it looks small,  
the controls are full-sized. Quar-  
ters and roller rink not includ-  
ed. \$100 US, ionaudio.com.

### Tearaway

Set in a land made of paper

people, paper trees and paper  
tigers, this adventure, for the  
handheld PlayStation Vita,  
channels that classic Daffy  
Duck cartoon where the artist  
erases him. You tap the back  
of the device and your finger  
appears to burst through the  
action — or swipe the screen  
and unfurl a bridge.

It's from the creators  
of Little Big  
Planet and  
has that  
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# Go retro: How to play old-school



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If you have a PC/Mac

## Atari.com/arcade

**Format:** Play classic Atari arcade games with updated graphics and sound.

**Plusses:** Enjoy all your beloved '70s and '80s classics like Pong, Missile Command, Combat, Lunar Lander, Asteroids, Yars' Revenge, Super Breakout and Centipede.

**Minuses:** Up-to-date visuals and sounds will leave purists disappointed.

**Verdict:** Good for a quick five-minute arcade-esque time-killer.

## Game-Oldies.com

**Format:** Free emulator for a whopping 20 retro consoles — all the biggies, from NES to TurboGrafx-16.

**Plusses:** Plethora of titles

(5,697); save option.

**Minuses:** Clunky website interface that truly mimics your PCs of yesteryear.

**Verdict:** Not the friendliest to dip into, but the best to bury yourself in hours of retro gaming — and try out some esoteric consoles (who remembers the Neo Geo?).

## NESbox.com & SNESbox.com

**Format:** Free Nintendo Entertainment System & Super Nintendo Entertainment System emulators, built on Adobe Flash technology.

**Plusses:** Slick, clean interface, oodles of your favorite Nintendo titles, and each has 1,810-plus games. Upload your walkthrough to the server and take part in the rankings, two-player via Internet.

**Minuses:** Can only be played in your web browser's window.

**Verdict:** Most user-friendly emulator.

If you have an Android

## SuperGNES.com

**Format:** Emulator at \$3.99 that scans your phone to view and play installed ROMs (emulated games).

**Plusses:** Cheats: Access huge database of Game Genie and Pro Action Replay codes, Mouse: Mouse support for games like Mario Paint, Multi-player: Network multi-player using WiFi or Bluetooth.

**Minuses:** Extra work: Go to websites like coolrom.com/roms/snes/ to download ROMs to your device.

**Verdict:** Nifty emulator for the savvy gamer itching to play games on the commute.

If you have an iPad or iPhone

## iEmulators.com

**Format:** List of emulators for your iPhone/iPad.



Who's up for a game of Battletoads? NES

**Plusses:** Follow a few weird installation steps, found easily on the website, and turn your phone into a Nintendo. You'll have to download the ROMs

yourself (see SuperGNES).

**Minuses:** Trickery may go against your morals or your inclination not to tinker with your pricey, beloved device;

controls difficult for games like Super Mario.

**Verdict:** Fine-working emulator but controls regrettably awkward on touch-screen.

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Ryan Gosling.

## Gosling driving away from latest relationship

Ryan Gosling and Eva Mendes are reportedly giving their relationship a "time out" after more than two years of dating, according to Radar Online.

"There was a realization before Thanksgiving that they took things way too fast and were rushing toward

a marriage that neither of them particularly needed," a source says. "They've decided to take a break to reevaluate their romance."

And to hear the source tell it, it's more Gosling who is worried about how fast they're going, as Mendes "wanted to have his babies."



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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

### The Word



## Brad Pitt playing down his milestone birthday

While Brad Pitt has previously seemed at peace with turning 50 this week, his birthday plans — or lack thereof — suggest something else.

"He's not doing anything for it and he said he doesn't want any surprises," a source tells Us Weekly.

"He really doesn't want

to talk about his birthday much."

Of course, work is keeping him pretty busy, as Pitt is currently filming his Second World War drama, Fury, in London while Angelina Jolie is in Australia working on Unbroken.

Pitt will reportedly join her there this weekend, though, so there will be some sort of celebration of his milestone birthday.

"Brad said he's going to celebrate his birthday this weekend in Australia," the source says. "That's going to be the only thing he does."



Miley Cyrus. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## Miley Cyrus' tongue a nervous tick

The truth behind Miley Cyrus' penchant for sticking out her tongue in photos is that she's actually just really nervous, she insists in an interview with Barbara Walters.

"I get embarrassed to take pictures. That's actually

the truth," she says. "I'm so embarrassed, because people are taking pictures of me, and I just don't know how to — I don't know how to smile, and just be awkward, so I stick my tongue out, because I don't know what else to do."



Simon Cowell.

## Cowell not worried by Lovato's departure

Simon Cowell confirms that Demi Lovato will definitely not be coming back to The X Factor as a judge, and he insists it's not a shock to him in the slightest.

"I always knew she wasn't

coming back because she's touring, so I knew that," he tells E! News.

As for her replacement? Sources say that "there haven't been any conversations about judges next year."

### Twitter



@SteveMartinToGo

My War on Christmas not going so well this year. Bought a carload of presents and now I'm drunk on eggnog.



@ChloeGMoretz

Some girls need to just grow up, stop being immature and act like an adult.



@RebelWilson

When my ugg boots take more than 2 seconds to put on I'm like ugh! Too much effort





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### Pioneer AppRadio 3 — \$499.99

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### SpareOne Plus Emergency Phone — \$79.99

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in a waterproof bag (which you can talk through), has a panic siren and a built-in LED Torchlight that can signal for help if you become stranded on the road. This phone can keep its charge for up to 15 years if unused, even in extreme temperatures.

### Speccup — \$129.95

Disguised as a travel mug, this Bluetooth speaker fits into the cup holder of your vehicle. Gesture controls let you answer phone calls or skip music tracks without touching the device. Plus you have access to Apple's Siri or Samsung's S Voice on select phones.

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### Secure Remote Bluetooth Remote Garage Door Opener — \$149

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### SiriusXM Lynx — \$299

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## Recipe. Turkey and Brie Puff Pastry Bites

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### Ingredients:

- ½ PC Butter Puff Pastry, thawed but still cold
- 5 ounces (150 grams) leftover roast turkey breast, finely diced
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) mayonnaise

- 1 package (200 grams) PC Double Cream Brie, rind removed and cheese cut into 24 equal pieces
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) Dijon mustard
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) honey
- 24 fresh parsley leaves

### Instructions:

- 1 Preheat oven to 425 F (220 C).
- 2 Place puff pastry on work surface. Roll pas-

try out in one direction to form a rectangle; cut into 24 equal pieces. Press each piece into the cups of a 24-cup mini muffin pan, allowing some overhang. Freeze for 10 minutes.

3 In a small bowl, stir together turkey and mayonnaise. Remove muffin pan from freezer; divide turkey mixture among the cups. Top each with a piece of Brie, pressing down

slightly.

4 Bake in centre of oven for 20 to 22 minutes or until pastry is golden on bottom and cheese is melted and starting to brown.

5 Meanwhile, in small bowl, stir together Dijon and honey. Transfer pastry bites to a long platter; drizzle Dijon mixture over top and garnish with parsley leaves. Makes 24 servings.

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Turkey and Brie Puff Pastry Bites. NEWS CANADA



Superstar Eggnog Tarts. NEWS CANADA

## Holiday dessert recipe. Superstar Eggnog Tarts

Creating an impressive holiday dessert table doesn't have to take hours in the kitchen. You can bake with style using easy-to-make recipes that both look beautiful and taste great. These cute Superstar Eggnog Tarts are perfect for any festive function.

### Ingredients:

- 2 packages Tenderflake tart shells
- ¼ cup (60 ml) sugar
- 1 egg
- ½ cup (80 ml) evaporated milk
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) water
- 2 tsp (10 ml) amber or light rum
- 1/8 tsp (0.5 ml) salt
- 1/8 tsp (0.5 ml) nutmeg
- Pinch of cinnamon

### Frosting:

- ¾ cup (175 ml) white icing
- ½ tsp (1 ml) nutmeg
- 1½ cups (375 ml) whipped topping

### Instructions:

- 1 Preheat oven to 350 F (180 C).
- 2 Arrange one package of tart shells on a bak-

ing sheet. Using an electric beater, beat together the sugar and eggs until light and fluffy. Stir in evaporated milk, water, rum, salt, nutmeg and cinnamon. Pour into the tart shells and bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until crust is golden and filling is set. Remove from the oven and cool.

3 Remove the remaining tart shells from the foil tins. Transfer to a lightly floured work surface and press to flatten. Using a 1½- to two-inch (3½- to five-centimetre) star-shaped cutter, cut a star from each piece of pastry. Place on a parchment paper lined baking sheet and bake for eight minutes or until nicely browned. Remove from the oven and cool completely.

4 Mix icing and nutmeg together and place in a small piping bag. Pipe a thin line of icing around the edges of each star.

5 Top each tart with 2 tbsp (30 ml) of whipped topping and garnish with a star.

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of new features including a better battery, improved audio and low-light mode. Additional accessories let you connect this camera to surfboards, mountain bikes, helmets and more. The perfect gift for adrenaline junkies.

### Smart ebike — \$3,240 and up

From the makers of the Smart Car, this premium electric bike has a motor that assists with pedalling, helping you take on headwinds and steep hills. A digital display on the handlebars lets you monitor everything from battery life to average speed. The lithium-ion battery recharges as you pedal, or you can plug it into a normal wall socket. Only consider buying this if you have deep pockets!

### Oakley Airwave 1.5 — \$649

Snow goggles with some serious tech. The Oakley Airwave 1.5 has a small heads-up display within your field of vision to show your speed, altitude, and even your jump analytics. There is also navigation, buddy tracking, music and the ability to view texts from your smartphone. Pricey, but the ultimate gift for that avid skier in your life.

### TomTom Multi-Sport GPS Watch — \$199 and up

So much more than just a watch. These nifty devices track time, distance, and pace for indoor and outdoor runners. Cyclists can glance at stats and swimmers can track their metrics in the pool. Shell out an additional \$50 and you can get a Bluetooth heart monitor that tracks the intensity of your workout.

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### Polar Loop — \$109.95

This lightweight, waterproof bracelet tracks your daily activities, monitors exercise levels, gives motivational feedback and even tracks your sleep patterns. If you want even more detailed data, purchase the optional heart rate monitor. Works with iOS devices and coming soon to Android.



GoPro Hero3+ — \$399, clockwise, from top right, TomTom Multi-Sport GPS Watch — \$199 and up, ZBoard — \$649 and up, Bushnell Tour V3 Laser Rangefinder — \$369.99, and Polar Loop — \$109.95.





The paper greeting card is now more innovative and interesting than ever. CANDYBOX IMAGES/SHUTTERSTOCK

# Traditional greetings show that you care



MICHELLE  
WILLIAMS  
For Metro

As recently as 10 years ago, when you wanted to say happy holidays, you did it with a paper greeting card. Period.

Now there are so many choices. Is it surprising that people still send the traditional paper cards?

"In Canada, we're still sending about 200 million holiday cards every year," said Dan Bengert, Hallmark Canada's director of advertising and business insight. "That's a pretty big number."

The paper greeting card is now more innovative and interesting than ever, and is still the most common way to send holiday greetings.

Bengert believes that with our larger social and professional networks, we are seeking additional and alternative ways to send holiday greet-

## Thinking of you

**"In Canada, we're still sending about 200 million holiday cards every year."**

Dan Bengert, Hallmark Canada's director of advertising and business insight

ings to save time.

"While people may not be mailing out more cards, they are still choosing to reach out in this more traditional way to some of the core people on their list. For the others, they may be choosing alternative or supplemental options like e-greetings, email or social networking sites."

In our time-crunched lives, especially over the holidays, how can we save time when it comes to sending out cards and greetings?

"First and foremost, print out labels," Bengert said. "It may be time-consuming in-

itially to input names and addresses, but it's a huge time-saver once it's done."

Bengert also suggested putting aside a particular evening, day or weekend to get the job done.

"You're only connecting once a year with many of these people, so it takes time."

Finally, get the family to pitch in and help.

"Family members can help sign cards, address or apply labels and stamps."

And what about the message? There are "holiday wording" sites to help you write your messages, but Bengert feels it's more about the connection.

"The card is a way of reaching out to say, 'I'm thinking of you.' People love to hear what's new in your life, so if you can take the time to write a message, great. But, in the end, it's not what you say. It really is the thought that counts."

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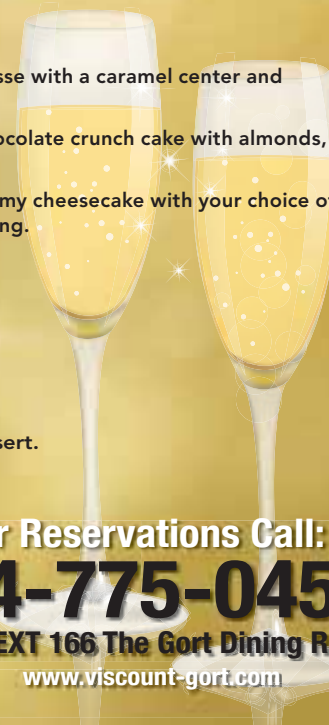
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Canon EOS 70D — \$1,299.99



Bigshot DIY Digital Camera — \$89



# Festive focus



MIKE  
YAWNEY  
For Metro

While many smartphones take impressive photos, any photographer will tell you they have yet to match the quality of standalone cameras. Here are a few of the best devices to truly impress the shutterbug on your list

## Nikon Df — \$3,099.95

A modern camera in a retro-style body. While many cameras feature touch-screen controls and menus, the 16.2-megapixel Nikon Df brings back classic mechanical dials to change settings, creating a simple ap-



proach to photography. If you are feeling techie you can use the optional wireless adapter to browse the camera's memory card on your smartphone or tablet.

## Sony Alpha 7 — \$1,699.99 (body only)

The world's smallest and lightest interchangeable lens full-frame camera. This 24.3-megapixel camera is full of features, including lightning quick autofocus, a tiltable three-inch OLED display, and the ability to record uncompressed 1080p HD video.

## Panasonic Lumix DMC-ZS30 — \$399.99

A lot of features at a relatively



low price point. This compact camera has a 20X zoom, three-inch touchscreen along with GPS capabilities so you always know where you took your pictures. If you have an Android phone you can control your camera remotely via Wi-Fi or automatically upload your pictures to social media.

## Canon PowerShot SX280 HS — \$269.95

A point-and-shoot with modes for every photographer, Canon's Smart Auto mode recognizes 58 predefined shooting

situations so pictures turn out in even the strangest lighting conditions. This compact camera also features a whopping 20X optical zoom, which is impressive despite its small size.



you snap the shutter.

## Fujifilm X20 — \$549

The camera that's ready when you are. The 12-megapixel Fujifilm X20 starts up in 0.5 seconds, auto focuses in 0.06 seconds and can snap photos in 0.01 seconds. This entry-level premium camera has a large optical viewfinder, the ability to shoot in RAW mode and a hot shoe for those who prefer an external flash.

## Canon EOS 70D — \$1,299.99

A full-feature DSLR with plenty of controls. Advanced users will love the in-depth options while beginners can take advantage of the simplistic basic mode. Those with a creative mind will love the Live View filter mode, which

adds dream-like, miniature and colour filters in real time so you know what your photo will look like before

the Bonzart Ampel camera is anything but. This dual-lens camera is designed to shoot tilt-shift photos, a cool effect that makes everything look like miniature scale models. A unique gift for that creative person on your shopping list.

## Bigshot DIY Digital Camera — \$89

A camera for those who are curious about learning, the Bigshot camera comes in pieces, allowing the user to not only put it together, but learn about how cameras work in the process. At three megapixels, this camera may not



take professional quality pictures, but the built-in lens wheel that toggles between regular, panoramic and 3D photos will ensure hours of fun for youngsters.

## Pentax WG-10 — \$199

The ultimate camera for the adventurer in your life. This 14-megapixel camera is crushproof, shockproof and waterproof. What really sets this camera apart is the digital microscope mode, which allows for magnified pictures of the smallest subjects — from insects to veins on leaves.

## Bonzart Ampel — \$180

It may look like a toy, but

Bonzart Ampel — \$180, clockwise, from left, Panasonic Lumix DMC-ZS30 — \$399.99, Canon PowerShot SX280 HS — \$269.95, and Pentax WG-10 — \$199.







# Dashing through the snow

The newest addition and the sporting pinnacle of the Jaguar XJ lineup is the XJR. CONTRIBUTED



The Ford Fiesta ST. CONTRIBUTED



The Lincoln MKZ. CONTRIBUTED

Santa will understand if you put one of these cool sleighs on your Christmas wish list. Whether your budget is naughty or nice, here are some great autos for dashing through the snow.

## JAGUAR XJR (\$119,990)

The newest addition and the sporting pinnacle of the Jaguar XJ lineup is the XJR. New exterior styling has given this stealthy sleigh an assertive appearance. A front splitter, special hood louvres and quad

tailpipes also add to the car's sporty look.

This new generation XJR offers an exhilarating ride combined with the luxury and refinement associated with the brand. Heart-pounding performance is provided by a 5.0-litre supercharged V8 engine that boasts 550 horsepower.

## RANGE ROVER (\$115,000)

The Range Rover Supercharged offers a level of luxury that gets the royal

nod. Underneath the sumptuous interior lining of leather is the solid protection of a tank. The Rover is well-known to be a thirsty beast. So with a goal to make it more fuel efficient, it was put on a diet and is now 317 kilograms (700 pounds) lighter than the previous model. As a result, the new aluminum unibody offers an improvement in fuel economy — 16.6/10.6 L/100 km (city/highway). It also

has Transmission Idle Control, which disengages 70 per cent of the drive power when idling.

No matter what terrain you are tackling, the Rover automatically knows the kind of traction you need — whether you are climbing rocks or descending on sand.

It is also practically amphibious. This Rover can dog-paddle you through a flood up to



The Range Rover Supercharged. CONTRIBUTED

about 850 millimetres (33 inches).

The supercharged 5.0-litre V8 engine offers 510 horsepower, but with such road-silencing features and finishes, and an amazingly smooth ride, you will need to keep one eye on the speedometer.

## LINCOLN MKZ (\$39,000)

Sit in the new MKZ and for a second or two you will wonder how to put this beauty into gear. Look up on the dashboard and you will see it has an automatic push-button shift. Although it's strange at first to shift into gear with your finger, the design idea frees up console space.

Select the operating mode — sport, normal or comfort — that suits your preference. Whether you are driving on dry pavement, snow, mud or

gravel, you will feel confident knowing it is equipped with all-wheel drive (optional with the 2.0-litre EcoBoost and 3.7-litre V6 engines).

## FORD FIESTA ST (\$24,999)

Looks are deceiving with the Ford Fiesta ST. This hot hatchback might look small, but it packs a whopping punch for its size with a 1.6-litre EcoBoost engine producing 197 horsepower, about 20 per cent more than the previous model. You can accelerate from zero to 100 km/h in less than seven seconds.

The six-speed manual transmission makes it superfun to drive. The steering is direct and responsive. Plus, the suspension has been modified for a quicker, overall steering ratio.

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The holiday season is a busy time for engagements as people get imaginative and romantic with their proposals. ALTAFULLA/SHUTTERSTOCK

# Creating that fairy tale touch to the holidays



**HEATHER  
BEAUMONT**  
For Metro

Four years ago, Craig Roy of It's All About You Event Planning learned that the rules of engagement begin with an imaginative marriage proposal.

A client decided to propose over the holidays and Roy and his special events team in Halifax suggested proposal options.

"The one that our client loved was going for a walk with their dogs and returning home to play outside in the snow," Roy

wrote in an email. "They built a snowman together, including the props — carrot, scarf, twigs and mittens. Once the snowman was built, our client dug out a piece of the snowman's belly and placed the open ring box in the hole for his girlfriend to find."

Although clients often bring their own ideas, Roy and other marriage proposal planners pitch ideas.

"We ask consultation questions of our clients to get to know them and their ideas," Roy wrote. "The type of proposal

really depends on their personality and who they are."

For Socrates Reppas of Marquis Jewellers in Toronto, the holiday season is a busy time of year.

"I have five engagement rings ready for pickup," he said. "They order custom diamond engagement rings from \$1,600 to

\$150,000 to propose over the holidays. A lot of them like to propose on New Year's Eve."

Reppas' face brightens as he recounts the marriage proposals of love-struck men who enter his store to buy

engagement rings. "They tell me what they're going to do when they buy the ring."

One man arranged to have his girlfriend drive by herself to his aunt's house in Niagara Falls. She arrived at sunset and turned into a long, tree-lined driveway lit up with Christmas tree lights. At the end of a driveway of about 100 metres, the path curved to reveal

the house decorated with a big sign that read, "Will You Marry Me?"

"Some clients want to go above and beyond for their fiancée," Roy wrote. "Some want the fairy tale story to tell their friends and family about how they got engaged."

Reppas believes there is much more to holiday proposals.

"They propose marriage over the holidays and on New Year's Eve to be romantic."







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# Spruce up your home office



MIKE  
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For Metro

Know someone who works from home? Help them spruce up their home office and make work more enjoyable with a few tech goodies.

## iMac — \$1,299.99 and up

Sure to be the centre-piece of any office space. Apple has updated its iMac lineup just in time for Christmas. Still the same beautiful design, but now iMacs come equipped with the latest Intel quad-core processors, better graphics performance, next generation Wi-Fi and faster Flash storage.

## Samsung Ativ One 7 — \$999 and up

This all-in-one desktop looks more like an HDTV than a computer. Expect plenty of power and cool features such as a giant touchscreen and the ability to control your PC with hand gestures. Dolby sound is the icing on the cake, providing rich and immersive sound.

## Epson Workforce WF-3540 — \$199

Print, scan, copy and fax with this multi-function Wi-Fi printer.

iMac — \$1,299.99 and up

Navigate through the menus with ease on the 3.5-inch touchscreen or print from your tablet or smartphone through the cloud and AirPrint. This printer also features high-capacity ink cartridges and two paper trays.

## Afinia 3D Printer — \$1,599

Unleash your creativity and create your own plastic 3D models, and prototypes in the comfort of your home.

The Afinia is one of the most user-friendly 3D printers on the market and one of the quickest. It may not be the prettiest 3D printer, but it's the best bang for your buck.

## Airport Time Capsule — \$299 and up

A Wi-Fi router with a hidden purpose. Hidden in the base is a 2TB hard drive that provides wireless backups for your computers. The latest Airport Time Capsule takes advantage of the latest 802.11ac Wi-Fi technology, speeding up the backup process.

## Microsoft Sculpt Ergonomic Desktop — \$129.95

A keyboard that breaks the mould. Often dubbed "the Manta Ray" due to its unique shape, this ergonomic keyboard is split down the middle to reduce hand and wrist stress while typing. A

cushioned palm rest ensures comfort for those long hours sitting in front of the computer.

## Intuos Creative Stylus — \$99.95

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## Fliike — \$390

The world's first physical Facebook

Like counter. Place it on a desk and watch as the sign changes in real time to reflect your Facebook page's fans or likes. This startup is expected to begin shipping its signs worldwide in November. Wi-Fi is required.

## Error Sticky Notes — \$5

Low-tech disguised as high-tech. These fun sticky notes are disguised as Windows Error windows. A great stocking stuffer for nerds on your gift list (and we mean that in the nicest way possible).

## Leaf Ties — \$7

These clever cable ties let you hide unsightly cables and cords by disguising them as vines with leaves. A cute addition to any office.

Samsung Ativ One 7 — \$999 and up, clockwise, from left, Fliike — \$390, Intuos Creative Stylus — \$99.95, Afinia 3D Printer — \$1,599, Epson Workforce WF-3540 — \$199, Microsoft Sculpt Ergonomic Desktop — \$129.95, Airport Time Capsule — \$299 and up, and Leaf Ties — \$7.



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# Craft a personal touch with gifts

**Simple ideas.** Visit craft stores for ideas categorized according to level of difficulty



**HEATHER  
BEAUMONT**  
For Metro

Stamped on Heather Baillie-Brown's heart is the desire to help others.

The Barrie, Ont., writer, photographer and filmmaker crafts holiday gifts for strangers along with the presents she makes for her loved ones. Over the years, she has donated homemade scarves, hats and knitted afghans to charities.

"If people want to be crafty and they don't have anyone to knit for, they can knit 'Boomer' caps for babies in Afghanistan through the Boomer's Legacy program," Baillie-Brown said. "I've done that. You can donate crafts to local Christmas charities to be distributed as gifts or sold to raise money for worthy causes."

The Boomer's Legacy Foundation (boomerslegacy.ca) is a Canadian charity that was initiated after the death of Cpl. Andrew (Boomer) Eykelenboom, who was killed in action in Afghanistan in August 2006.

This year, as with every holiday season, there are loads of fun, new craft ideas to both give and enjoy. Some knitting and crocheting projects can be time intensive. Check specialty arts and crafts' retailer Michaels' online decor guide for ideas categorized



There are many fun, new craft ideas to both give and enjoy this holiday season. OLIVEROMG/SHUTTERSTOCK

## Special events

**"String bungee cord with a charm or a single initial for a personal bracelet or necklace. Commemorate special events and people with scrapbook gifts or a single-framed page."**

Jo Pearson, Michaels' creative expert

according to level of difficulty.

For simple ideas, consider personalized jewelry.

"String bungee cord with a charm or a single initial for a personal bracelet or necklace," said Jo Pearson, Michaels' creative expert. "Commemorate special events and people with scrapbook gifts or a single-framed page."

Fit scrapbooking paper to plain cork coasters, then add a coat of Mod Podge glue sealant to the finish

for decorative coaster gifts for colleagues.

"Holiday wreaths make great gifts," Pearson said. "Use ribbon to match your recipients' holiday decor and add wooden initial letters for an easy and personalized gift."

Create gift tags from favourite photos of you and your recipient. Cut the photo into a circle, string ribbon through a hole-punch and tie it to the package.

Baking containers with

holiday motifs are another way to make homemade treats more festive. Michaels and Williams-Sonoma, specialty retailer of home products, both stock holiday containers. Williams-Sonoma's Nordic Ware Star of David Bundt® cake pans will deliver a spectacular, six-point starred cake for family gatherings.

For Christmas celebrations, consider Williams-Sonoma's eight mini-cake loaf pan with classic seasonal decorations, a holiday cupcake stencil set, holiday cookie stamps, or pancake models.

"My 19-year-old son usually has his chums over during the holidays," Baillie-Brown said. "It's nice to have baking on hand because it really isn't Christmas without it."

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For the best stability, look for toboggans with a proper steering and brake system, such as what you would find in a traditional wooden sled. SHUTTERSTOCK

# Have fun, but be careful on toboggan hills



JANE  
DOUCET  
For Metro

There is nothing more fun and good for kids' health during the winter than taking part in outdoor physical play. In most parts of Canada, tobogganing down snowy slopes is one such popular activity.

Jennifer Russell, a child

safety link health promotion specialist with the IWK Health Centre in Halifax, offers the following guidelines for parents to ensure that their kids will toboggan safely this winter:

Buy a safe sled. For the best stability, look for models with a proper steering and brake system, such as what you would find in a traditional wooden sled.

"That means plastic Crazy Carpets, Snow Racers and rubber inner tubes are out because they're difficult to steer or easy to tip," Russell said.

The sled should have a curved, protective panel at the front to stop kids from falling forward, especially if they stop short when they bump into something.

Proper positioning is key.

Make sure the child is sitting securely with feet first, not lying on their back or stomach.

"It's safest to have one child on the sled at a time, unless they're younger than five, in which case an adult should sit behind them," Russell said.

One adult should supervise at the top of the hill and another grown-up should be

stationed at the bottom.

Helmets are for more than hockey. For premium protection, kids should always wear a hockey helmet.

"They're the best type of helmet to protect the head against hard surfaces like ice and snow," Russell said.

Location, location, location. The safest spot for sledding is down the middle of the hill.

"There should be a designated area on both sides of the hill for heading back up — that way, no one will be walking into the path of an oncoming sled," Russell said.

It's also important for parents to check that the hill is free of rocks, that there are no trees at the bottom and that it's a safe distance from roads, creeks and rivers.

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Favourite Pecan Pie. NEWS CANADA

# Recipe. Favourite Pecan Pie

Stay on track this season by serving delicious, calorie-reduced versions of traditional festive desserts. Lightly sweetened with naturally-sourced stevia, this pecan pie will make a tempting addition to any holiday table and appease guests young and old.

## Ingredients:

- 1 refrigerated pie crust from

a 15-ounce (425-gram) package

- 2 large eggs
- 2 large egg whites
- 1 cup (250 ml) sugar-free maple syrup
- 2/3 cup (150 ml) Pure Via granulated
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) molasses
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp (5 ml) vanilla
- ¼ tsp (1 ml) salt
- 1 cup (250 ml) pecan halves

- Sugar-free whipped topping (optional)

## Instructions:

**1** Preheat oven to 350 F. Roll pie crust to an 11-inch (28-centimetre) circle. Fit into a nine-inch (23-centimetre) pie plate. Flute edges; set aside.

**2** Whisk eggs and egg whites until blended. Whisk in sugar-free syrup,

Pure Via sweetener, molasses, flour, vanilla and salt until combined. Stir in pecans. Pour into pie crust.

**3** Bake 40 to 45 minutes or until knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool completely on wire rack before serving. Top each piece with sugar-free whipped topping, if desired. Makes eight servings.

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Spiced Mexican Coffee. NEWS CANADA

# Recipe. Spiced Mexican Coffee

This Spiced Mexican Coffee recipe is just the thing to bring everyone together on a cold, winter night.

## Ingredients:

- 4 cups (1 litre) water
- 6 cinnamon sticks
- 2 vanilla beans split
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) honey
- ½ cup (75 ml) finely ground Viennese or Italian roast coffee
- 6 packets Pure Via sweetener
- ¾ cup (175 ml) 1% low fat milk, steamed

## Instructions:

**1** Combine water, cinnamon sticks, vanilla beans and honey in three-quart (three-litre) saucepan. Heat on medium heat to boiling, stirring frequently.

**2** Stir in coffee and Pure Via sweetener. Remove from heat. Let steep five minutes.

**3** Strain coffee into six small mugs. Discard cinnamon and vanilla. Top evenly with steamed milk and serve. Makes six servings.

**Tips:** Vanilla beans can be split open lengthwise with a small knife, adding more flavour to the coffee. The tiny vanilla seeds can be used on top of the steamed milk. If vanilla beans are not available, use vanilla extract to taste. NEWS CANADA

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# Update your tradition. Gingerbread Pie

Why not update a favourite holiday tradition with a beautiful gingerbread pie?

## Ingredients:

- 2 Tenderflake frozen deep dish pie shells, defrosted
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- ¾ cup (150 ml) unsalted butter
- ¾ cup (150 ml) brown sugar
- ¾ cup (150 ml) whipping cream
- ¼ cup (60 ml) molasses
- 3 egg yolks
- ¼ cup (60 ml) cornstarch
- 1 tsp (5 ml) ginger

- ¼ tsp (1 ml) nutmeg
- ¼ tsp (1 ml) cloves
- ½ tsp (2 ml) salt
- 1¼ cup (300 ml) milk
- ½ cup (125 ml) whipped topping
- White icing

## Instructions:

**1** Preheat oven to 375 F (190 C).

**2** Bake one pie shell according to package directions. Remove the second pie shell from the foil pan and place on a lightly floured work surface. Using a two-inch (five-centimetre) ginger-

bread man-shaped cookie cutter, cut eight to 10 pieces and place on a parchment paper-lined baking sheet. Brush lightly with egg and bake for 10 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from the oven and cool.

**3** Heat butter and brown sugar in a small saucepan over medium heat, stirring occasionally until bubbly. Whisk in cream and molasses and stir until it begins to simmer.

**4** Whisk together egg yolks, cornstarch, spices and salt in a small bowl. Slow-

ly add a small amount of the hot mixture into the egg mixture, stirring constantly. Add the egg mixture back into the hot cream mixture and continue to stir over medium heat until thickened and just starting to boil.

**5** Pour the filling into the baked pie shell. Cover the surface with plastic wrap directly on the filling and chill until set, at least four hours.

**6** Decorate the gingerbread man pastry shapes with icing. Arrange shapes on top with whipped topping just before serving. NEWS CANADA



Guilt-free Tiramisu. NEWS CANADA

# Recipe. Tiramisu

## Ingredients:

- ½ cup (125 ml) warm, strong coffee
- 9 packets or 4½ tsp Pure Via Turbinado Raw Cane sugar and stevia blend sweetener
- ½ cup (125 ml) part-skim ricotta cheese
- ½ cup (125 ml) prepared light whipped topping
- ½ tsp (2 ml) vanilla extract
- 8 crisp ladyfingers
- 1 tsp (5 ml) unsweetened cocoa

## Instructions:

**1** Combine coffee and one packet of Pure Via Turbinado. Stir until the sweetener is dissolved. Let coffee cool until lukewarm.

**2** Meanwhile, whisk together ricotta cheese, whipped topping, the additional Pure Via Turbinado sweetener and vanilla. Refrigerate until ready to use.

**3** Place coffee in shallow bowl. Dip four of the ladyfingers into coffee and let stand about five seconds.

**4** Remove and place two ladyfingers side by side on a plate for each tiramisu. Spread each tiramisu with ¼ of the ricotta mixture. Sprinkle each with ¼ teaspoon (1 ml) of the cocoa. Repeat dipping and layering. Discard any remaining coffee.

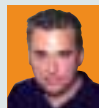
**5** Refrigerate, covered with plastic wrap, at least two and up to eight hours before serving. Makes two servings.

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## Liquid Assets

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**LIQUID ASSETS**  
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Last week was all about white wines for your holiday meal, so it's only right I suggest the right reds.

If you're convinced that only whites go with white meats, get over yourself. Reds can be an excellent match with poultry, especially when it's served old-school with plenty of savoury fixings and vegetal accompaniment.

He may not look it, but Tom turkey doesn't carry a lot of fat, which means you're going to want to avoid any red that is tannin heavy. Tannins love fat, so your bird will get lambasted if it meets a big-boned red like a New World Cabernet Sauvignon or a hip, Italian Aglianico (choose them if you're doing roast beef).

Take the bright and fruity path. Think California Zinfandel, New Zealand Pinot Noir, a French Beaujolais Cru or, my favourite, an Italian made with the Barbera grape.

From Piemonte, Bersano's 2011 Costalunga Barbera d'Asti (\$11.95 - \$14.99) is a glass full of strawberry, cherry, light earth and subtle spice that makes merry with turkey and all its eclectic Christmas plate mates.

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This is a holiday entrée with a delicious fruit sauce instead of traditional gravy. You can use this over any poultry such as Cornish hen or even turkey. If you're using turkey, multiply the glaze and sauce by three.

**1.** Preheat oven to 400 F. Place chicken in roasting pan.

## Ingredients

- 1 whole chicken
- Glaze**
- 1 tsp crushed garlic
- 1 tsp minced ginger root (or 1/4 tsp ground ginger)
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/4 cup sweet dessert wine (plum wine, Mirin or sweet Sake)
- Pinch chili flakes
- 1 tbsp margarine, melted
- Pinch dried coriander and/or cumin
- Salt and pepper
- 1/2 cup chicken stock
- Sauce**
- 1 tbsp cornstarch
- 1/2 cup chicken stock
- 1/4 cup chopped dates
- 1/4 cup chopped dried apricots



This recipe serves four. MARK SHAPIRO, FROM ROSE REISMAN BRINGS HOME LIGHT COOKING (MCM BOOKS)

**2.** Glaze: In bowl, mix garlic, ginger, honey, wine, chili flakes, margarine, coriander, salt and pepper to taste and stock; set half aside for sauce. Brush some of the remaining mixture over chicken. Bake for 60 minutes or until meat thermometer registers 160 F,

basting with more honey mixture every 15 minutes.

**3.** Cut chicken into 4 quarters; place on serving dish and keep warm.

**4.** Sauce: Pour reserved honey mixture into small saucepan;

stir in cornstarch, mixing well. Add chicken stock along with dates and apricots; cook over medium heat, stirring, for 2 minutes or until thickened. Pour over chicken. Remove skin before eating. **ROSE REISMAN BRINGS HOME LIGHT COOKING (MCM BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN**

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# Jets to unleash Bogosian

**NHL.** With big blue-liner back, Winnipeg looks for win versus visiting Florida Panthers

It's been more than a month since Zach Bogosian has played for the Winnipeg Jets and both the defenceman and his coach are happy his healing time in the pressbox is coming to an end.

"He's got weight, he's passionate, he can get the puck stopped and he can do a lot of things," coach Claude Noel said of Bogosian, who'll likely team up with Toby Enstrom when the Jets host the Florida Panthers Friday night.

"He's a guy who can really help you and we look forward to having him back in the lineup."

So does Enstrom.

"It's great to have him back," he said. "He's a key player for us who brings a lot to our team."

But no one is happier than Bogosian.

"It's frustrating when you watch from the pressbox," he said after practice. "I'm a competitive guy who wants to be out there playing with the guys and it sucks sitting in the pressbox or at home with the guys on the road."

Florida will come into MTS Centre after playing Thursday night in Ottawa so the Jets are hoping they can capitalize on a little fatigue. But they also know the Panthers are on a roll.

Bogosian suffered what is thought to have been a groin injury Nov. 15 and the Jets need all the help they can get now. Winnipeg (15-16-5) has won only one of its last five and sits last in the Central Division and 12th in the Western Conference.

The night Bogosian was in-



Zach Bogosian will return to the Jets' lineup for Friday night's tilt against the Florida Panthers. MARIANNE HELM/GETTY IMAGES

jured was also when the Jets' longest win streak of the season (four games) ended and they've struggled to win more than a couple in a row since.

"It seems like we haven't been able to string a good set of wins together," said captain Andrew Ladd. "Even St. Louis and Colorado. I felt like we played two pretty solid games that could have gone either way and we weren't able to come out with victories in those."

"Those are the type of games we need to win to string a few together here."

Bogosian averaged almost 23 minutes of ice time per game before his injury but Noel says it's too early to predict

how much the burly defenceman will play. Bogosian had four points in 21 contests but sports a team-leading plus-eight rating.

"We'll look to put him with Toby but we'll have to judge how he plays," said Noel. "He's been out for a while so we've got to see how he does."

It looks like Dustin Byfuglien may team up with Adam Pardy in another defence pairing as Noel tries to shake things up.

"We need to find some things that help us get some games and some wins together," Noel said. "So if that helps, that's what we're looking for."

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## Panthers 4, Senators 2

### Florida red hot on way to Winnipeg

Tom Gilbert and Tomas Kopecky each scored in the final three minutes Thursday night as the Florida Panthers won their fifth straight game with a 4-2 victory over the Ottawa Senators.

Gilbert beat Senators netminder Craig Anderson with a one-timer on a pass



Tom Gilbert celebrates his goal with Panthers teammates Tomas Fleischmann and Dmitry Kulikov on Thursday night. THE CANADIAN PRESS

from Tomas Fleischmann at 17:28 of the third period with only two seconds remaining in a high-sticking penalty to Senators forward Jean-Gabriel Pageau.

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# Washnuk named provincial U18 coach

## Football Manitoba.

Former River East player gravitates to leadership roles

Football Manitoba's new under-18 provincial head coach says what he lacked in skills, he made up in leadership.

Dan Washnuk is the current coach of the Miles Macdonnell Buckeyes and a former player with the River East Kodiaks. Washnuk admitted his skills as a player were average, but his teammates elected him team captain when he made it to the Winnipeg Rifles.

Since becoming a teacher and coach, he's been building a football program at a school noted more for its skills on the basketball and volleyball courts.

"At Miles Mac, our talent pool is limited," Washnuk said.



Dan Washnuk is the new under-18 Football Manitoba provincial head coach.  
THE HUDDLE/HANDOUT

"In a school that is academically-focused and volleyball-centric, the athletes that come out for football rarely have experience."

Washnuk started with the Buckeyes program in 2008 as an assistant coach. In 2010, he became the head coach of the program and took the Buckeyes to the Vidruk (AA) Cham-

pionship in 2011.

In 2012, the Buckeyes moved up to the AAA Potter Division. There, they went all the way to the ANAVETS Bowl against the juggernaut St. Paul's Crusaders, taking out the No. 2 seed Oak Park Raiders in the playoffs. The Buckeyes fell short 25-15.

"I like how he ran his prac-

tices, not to kill you, but to make sure you run through everything and that you ... know what you're doing in the game," said former student and current Manitoba Bison Jayden Mckoy. "I felt like I knew what to do in every situation. He's always going to put you in the position to make a play."

Washnuk said his goal as the new under-18 coach is to put together smart teams that utilize the talents available in the province.

"Manitoba does not have the talent pool or athletes that other provinces enjoy," Washnuk said. "My goal is to bring together a staff that has experience working in these conditions, who know how to utilize players based on their skills and to take advantage of teams that excel in other areas."

The Under 18 Provincial Program will begin in late January.

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## CFL

### Blue Bombers lock up all-star Turner through 2016

All-star defensive tackle Bryant Turner says it was a no-brainer for him to sign an extension with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers through 2016.

Turner said Thursday there may be some morale building next season for a team that finished 3-15 in 2013, but he believes the Bombers have players who are committed to winning and the city has the best football fans in the world.

As for new head coach Mike O'Shea, Turner says he isn't that familiar with him. But he called friend Swayze Waters in Toronto to get the lowdown and liked what he heard from the kicker about the former Argos special teams co-ordinator.

Turner wasn't one of those players set to enter the free-agent marketplace but he thanked the Bombers for wanting to keep him around.

Winnipeg general manager Kyle Walters was also happy to keep Turner in the Bombers lineup.



Bryant Turner THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

"Bryant has proven to be among the elite defensive linemen in our league, but it's as much of his on-field play as his off-field characteristics that make him such a valuable asset to our organization," he said in announcing the extension.

"His professionalism, work ethic, and overall desire to be a winner, along with his outstanding football ability, make this a great extension for us."

Turner was tied for the team lead with seven sacks last season and added 14 tackles and two fumble recoveries en route to being named an East Division all-star for the second straight season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Tanaka deemed too big to leave Japan

**Baseball.** Change in posting rules could prevent pitcher with eye-popping numbers from coming to MLB

Pitcher Masahiro Tanaka wants to move to Major League Baseball next season but his Japanese team doesn't want to let him go.

MLB and Nippon Professional Baseball's new posting system caps the fee for players at \$20 million, less than half what Japanese teams received for pitchers Yu Darvish and Daisuke Matsuzaka.

"I informed my team that I would like them to allow me to test my abilities in Major League Baseball next season," Tanaka said Tuesday after a meeting with Rakuten Eagles president Yozo Tachibana.

Tanaka, a 25-year-old right-hander, went 24-0 with a 1.27



Masahiro Tanaka pitches for Team Japan during a World Baseball Classic game in Tokyo in March. GETTY IMAGES

ERA with the Rakuten Golden Eagles of the Pacific League during the regular season. He will not become eligible for free agency until after the 2015 season and can move to MLB only if the Eagles agree to post him.

The Eagles, who won the Japan Series, voted against the

## Posting apocalypse

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Under the previous posting agreement, Texas got Yu Darvish from the Hokkaido Nippon Ham Fighters before the 2012 season for \$51,703,411 and gave him a \$56-million, six-year deal.

new posting agreement on Monday and say they want Tanaka to remain with them.

"We told him he is very important to us and we'd like him to stay," Tachibana said.

Under the rules of the three-year agreement announced Monday, a Japanese club may make players available between Nov. 1 and Feb. 1 and may set a price of up to \$20 million.

Starting with the day after a player is posted and continuing for 30 days, any big-league team willing to pay the fee may attempt to sign the player. A major-league team pays the posting fee only if it signs the player. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## NHL

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

#### ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Boston	35	23	10	2	96	74	48
Tampa Bay	35	21	11	3	97	84	45
Montreal	36	21	12	3	91	76	45
Detroit	37	16	12	9	94	101	41
Toronto	37	18	16	3	101	106	39
Ottawa	36	14	16	6	101	118	34
Florida	35	13	17	5	81	110	31
Buffalo	35	9	23	3	63	100	21

#### METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	37	26	10	1	117	80	53
Washington	34	18	13	3	107	102	39
Philadelphia	35	16	15	4	86	97	36
Carolina	34	14	13	7	79	94	35
NY Rangers	35	16	17	2	79	95	34
New Jersey	35	14	15	6	83	87	34
Columbus	35	14	17	4	91	100	32
NY Islanders	35	9	19	7	85	121	25

#### Thursday's results

Toronto 2 Phoenix 1 (SO)  
Pittsburgh 5 Minnesota 2  
Buffalo 4 Boston 2  
Philadelphia 5 Columbus 4  
Detroit 3 Calgary 2 (OT)  
Tampa Bay 4 Nashville 2  
Florida at Ottawa  
Montreal at St. Louis  
Vancouver at Dallas  
Edmonton at Colorado  
San Jose at Los Angeles

#### Wednesday's results

New Jersey 5 Ottawa 2  
Pittsburgh 4 NY Rangers 3 (SO)

#### Friday's games

##### All Times Eastern

Anaheim at New Jersey, 7 p.m.  
Washington at Carolina, 7 p.m.  
NY Islanders at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.  
Florida at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.  
Vancouver at Chicago, 8 p.m.

#### Saturday's games

Calgary at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.  
Phoenix at Ottawa, 2 p.m.  
Colorado at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.  
Montreal at Nashville, 7 p.m.  
Anaheim at NY Islanders, 7 p.m.  
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

#### CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	37	25	7	5	138	102	55
St. Louis	33	22	7	4	114	80	48
Colorado	33	22	10	1	96	78	45
Minnesota	37	20	12	5	86	88	45
Dallas	33	16	12	5	95	101	37
Nashville	35	16	16	3	80	99	35
Winnipeg	36	15	16	5	95	106	35

#### PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	36	24	7	5	116	91	53
Los Angeles	35	23	8	4	97	68	50
San Jose	34	21	7	6	112	84	48
Vancouver	36	20	10	6	100	86	46
Phoenix	34	18	10	6	106	105	42
Calgary	35	13	16	6	88	111	32
Edmonton	36	11	22	3	93	123	25

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Buffalo at Boston, 7 p.m.  
Detroit at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Columbus, 7 p.m.  
New Jersey at Washington, 7 p.m.  
St. Louis at Edmonton, 10 p.m.  
Dallas at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

#### Sunday's games

Minnesota at NY Rangers, 7:30 p.m.  
Winnipeg at Vancouver, 8 p.m.

## SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pts
Crosby, Pgh	19	30	49
Kane, Chi	20	26	46
Malkin, Pgh	9	32	41
Getzlaf, Ana	16	23	39
Ovechkin, Wash	28	10	38
Tavares, NYI	13	25	38
Perry, Ana	22	15	37
Backstrom, Wash	8	29	37
Steen, StL	22	14	36
Thornton, SJ	5	31	36
Kunitz, Pgh	18	17	35
Sharp, Chi	16	18	34
Marleau, SJ	15	19	34
Seguin, Dal	18	15	33
Toews, Chi	13	20	33
Kessel, Tor	17	15	32
Ryan, Ott	16	16	32

**Not including last night's games**

## NBA

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Indiana	20	5	.800	—
d-Miami	19	6	.760	1
Atlanta	14	12	.538	6 1/2
d-Boston	12	15	.444	9
Detroit	13	14	.481	8
Charlotte	12	14	.462	8 1/2
Washington	11	13	.458	8 1/2
Toronto	9	14	.391	10
Chicago	9	15	.375	10 1/2
Cleveland	9	15	.375	10 1/2
Brooklyn	9	16	.360	11
New York	8	17	.320	12
Orlando	8	18	.308	12 1/2
Philadelphia	7	19	.269	13 1/2
Milwaukee	5	20	.200	15

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Oklahoma City	20	4	.833	—
Portland	22	5	.815	1/2
d-San Antonio	20	5	.800	1 1/2
d-L.A. Clippers	18	9	.667	3 1/2
Houston	17	9	.654	4
Dallas	15	10	.600	5 1/2
Phoenix	14	10	.583	6
Denver	14	10	.583	6
Golden State	14	12	.538	7
Minnesota	13	13	.500	8
L.A. Lakers	12	13	.480	8 1/2
New Orleans	11	13	.458	9
Memphis	10	15	.400	10 1/2
Sacramento	7	17	.292	13
Utah	7	21	.250	15

x - clinched playoff berth; y - division; z - conference.

#### Thursday's results

Chicago at Oklahoma City  
San Antonio at Golden State

#### Friday's games

Brooklyn at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
Utah at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.  
Sacramento at Miami, 7:30 p.m.  
Charlotte at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.  
Houston at Indiana, 8 p.m.  
Toronto at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
Phoenix at Denver, 9 p.m.  
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

#### Sunday's games

Boston at Indiana, 6 p.m.  
Toronto at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.  
Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

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Horoscopes

**Aries**

March 21 - April 20

A clash of opposing viewpoints is likely at work today. Because you need to get along with both sides, you must stay neutral. The best approach is to treat it all as a bit of a joke.

**Taurus**

April 21 - May 21

If you find yourself up against a tough opponent today, you should back off and live to fight another day. The planets warn this is a battle you cannot win. The only sensible course is to withdraw, for now.

**Gemini**

May 22 - June 21

You don't have to be nice to people because you want to spare their feelings. If there is something that needs to be said, give it to them straight.

**Cancer**

June 22 - July 23

You would be wise to be on your guard over the next 24 hours as the planets warn someone you work or do business with is being more than a little deceitful. Don't judge others by what they say, judge them by what they do.

**Leo**

July 24 - Aug. 23

A moment's hesitation could cause you grief — at the very least you will kick yourself for not trusting your instincts. Don't listen to those who say you should be cautious. It may be good advice for them but it's not right for you.

**Virgo**

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Check facts today, especially those that a colleague says are OK and you don't have to worry about. If you give them the green light to proceed now, you may regret it later.

**Libra**

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You may be tempted to do something drastic today but the planets warn the results are as likely to be negative as positive. Why not just wait a while and let the current situation work itself out?

**Scorpio**

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Be careful what you say. You could easily go over the top and let slip something that causes trouble. It might also cost you financially if others get the impression that you can't hold your tongue.

**Sagittarius**

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You appear to be having second thoughts about a plan that previously you thought was the key to success. Maybe you are right to hesitate but you are going to have to make a choice and stick with it.

**Capricorn**

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

It would appear that in your haste to get ahead, you have overlooked some small but important detail. Identify your mistake, correct it, move on.

**Aquarius**

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

A minor dispute could easily get out of hand today, especially if you insist that you are in the right and everyone else is wrong. You're not the only one who is stubborn, so a standoff is likely.

**Pisces**

Feb. 20 - March 20

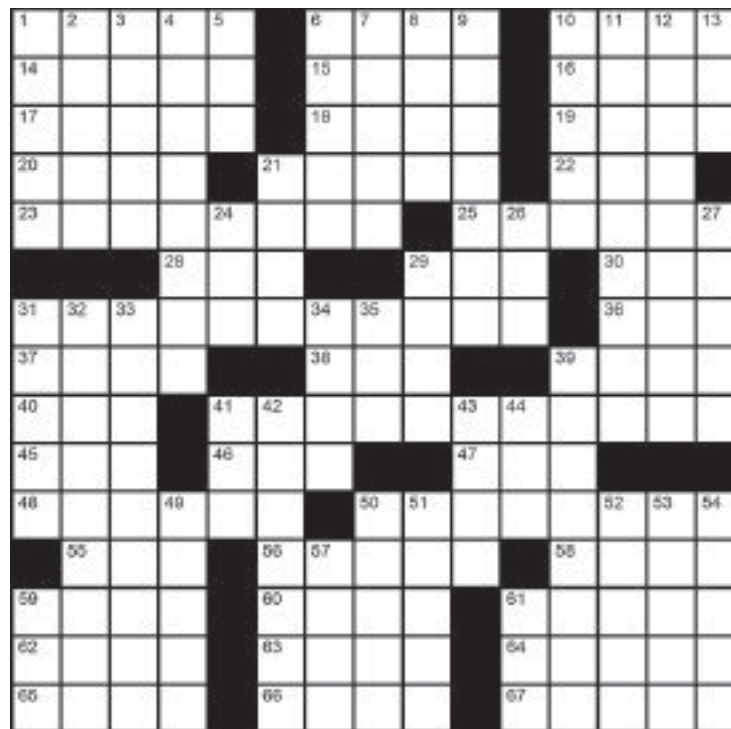
State your case today but don't get upset if others disagree and try to pick holes in your arguments. The world is a big enough place for all shades of opinion, so agree to disagree.

SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. December 21st, 1913: Invented by Arthur \_\_\_ of the New York World, the greatest game at #12-Down
6. Season
10. Inscribe
14. Grease again
15. Woodwind
16. Q. "Is '\_\_\_' way to abbreviate any coming-in plane?" A. "Yes."
17. Nets
18. Volcanic flow
19. London lockup
20. Weapon: French
21. More kind
22. Mr. Asner's
23. Bag type
25. Legal scholar
28. Cousin \_\_\_
29. Masc. opposite
30. Defunct airline
31. Canadian journalist on FOX News who was a MuchMusic host: 2 wds.
36. Particle
37. Ancient war god
38. Granny: German
39. Rope
40. Anderson Cooper's station
41. Will Ferrell's 'Anchorman': 2 wds.
45. Ms. Carpenter, for short
46. Alias, e.g.
47. Nice one?
48. Hockey's Conn \_\_\_ Trophy
50. 1924... Simon & \_\_\_: Publishers of the first book of #12-Downs (Trivia! Richard L. Simon is the father of the singer/songwriter at #9-Down)
55. Christmas \_\_\_
56. Archaic anesthetic



58. 'Slithy' Lewis Carroll creature
59. Cuckoos
60. Young farm animal
61. Fine cottons
62. Going \_\_\_ (Arguing): 2 wds.
63. Turkey, chicken, etc.

64. Fragrance
65. Unchanged: 2 wds.
66. Building extensions
67. "You're still the one \_\_\_ good night..." (Shania Twain line)  
**Down**

1. \_\_\_ havoc
2. Long for
3. Montreal-born actress Ms. Shearer (b.1902 - d.1983)
4. What a bowling ball could knock over: 2 wds.
5. Chicago trains
6. \_\_\_ acid (Romaine

- lettuce stuff)
7. Surprised, taken \_\_\_
8. Zero, in tennis
9. Bit of Carly Simon's "You're So Vain": "Then you flew your \_\_\_ up to Nova Scotia..."
10. Gung-ho
11. Custom
12. Puzzle celebrating its 100th Anniversary!
13. Mr. Holbrook
21. International org.
24. Gibraltar, e.g.
26. Hmms...
27. Actress Jessica
29. Herr's wife
31. Mr. Black's
32. Christmas Tree decorations
33. English king: name + Roman Numeral
34. \_\_\_ fide
35. Diplomatic bldg.
39. Pool table prop: 2 wds.
41. Hurray!
42. American painter Georgia
43. Industrial region of Germany
44. Wildebeest
49. Quizzes
50. Wrap
51. Lockups
52. Moviedom's Marisa
53. Linda of "Dynasty"
54. Respite
57. Hammer
59. US driving org.
61. 23rd Greek letter

See today's answers at [metronews.ca/answers](http://metronews.ca/answers).  
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

Yesterday's Crossword

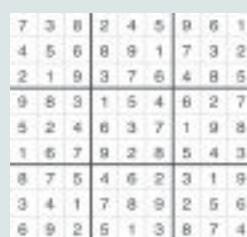


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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Weather

TODAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



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MIN: -31°



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MIN: -27°



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